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WHAT SINGLETONS REALLY WANT FROM NEW PARTNER

DESPERATELY SEEKING

■ by ANDREW JAMESON

OLD romantics looking for love want a partner who isn't too funny and is no better than a six out of 10 when it comes to looks. How charming.

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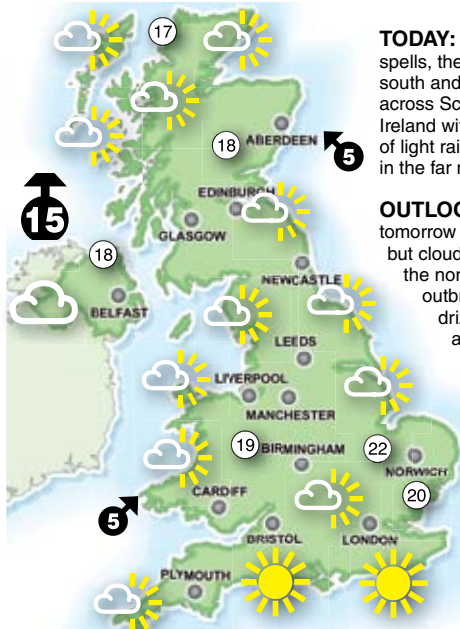
Looking for friendship/romance with a decidedly average soulmate, good sense of humour not required, must NOT be better looking than a six out of 10..

TODAY'S WEATHER

TODAY: Mainly dry with sunny spells, the best of these in the south and east. More cloud across Scotland and Northern Ireland with patchy outbreaks of light rain and drizzle. Breezy in the far north and far south.

OUTLOOK: Dry and bright tomorrow with sunny spells but clouds will thicken across the north and west, bringing outbreaks of rain and drizzle. Sunny spells and scattered showers on Friday.

AIR QUALITY Air pollution levels Low (1) Very high (10) uk-air.defra.gov.uk

Region	Level	Region	Level
Highlands	2	North Wales	4
North East Scotland	2	West Midlands	4
Central Scotland	2	East Midlands	4
Scottish Borders	2	South Wales	3
Northern Ireland	2	South West	4
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THE HEALTH LOTTERY

Big Win numbers Wednesday, June 19	09	14	20	34	42	05
Big Win numbers Tuesday, June 18	25	30	34	36	45	39
Big Win numbers Saturday, June 15	04	09	10	12	20	23
Big Win numbers Friday, June 14	01	18	19	30	33	13
Big Win numbers Thursday, June 13	02	09	41	42	48	05

2ND CHANCE DRAW, SATURDAY, JUNE 15: 02, 07, 12, 32, 41
2ND CHANCE DRAW, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19: 19, 25, 36, 39, 40
ALL OR NOTHING, TUESDAY, JUNE 18: 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 21, 24

NATIONAL LOTTERY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19
No jackpot winner. Saturday's prize estimated at £7.3m

LOTTO 03 07 13 15 21 52 23 — 895,441 tickets won a prize

EURO 03 11 33 34 36 01 12 — Tuesday, June 18. No jackpot winner. Tomorrow's top prize estimated at £164m.

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SET FOR LIFE: MONDAY, JUNE 17: 06, 22, 23, 36, 41 LIFE BALL: 06
THUNDERBALL: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19: 01, 02, 18, 29, 34 T'BALL 01

Rate of inflation hits 2%

INFLATION is at the Bank of England's 2% target for the first time in nearly three years.

The drop, from 2.3% in April, comes weeks before the nation heads to the polls.

Some everyday goods are now seeing prices falling year-on-year, including milk and rice.

But prices of other products like eggs and bread are still going up.

The new figures mean that prices are still rising across the country, but at a slower rate.

PM Rishi "Biggles" Sunak said the drop was a "positive step". Unite's Sharon Graham said: "Falling inflation does not mean falling prices."

Firearms trainers get sack

FIREARMS trainers at the National Crime Agency were sacked after it was found they faked official records.

The five were ruled to have committed gross misconduct after an internal probe into claims they falsified records linked to firearms training, between December 2021 and July 2022, the NCA said.

Another three trainers resigned from their jobs before they could face the disciplinary hearings.

Two would have been sacked and the third would have been given a written warning if they had still been in post, the NCA found.

Stinking nappies dumped

FLY-tippers dumped three tons of filthy nappies and rubbish near a quaint village.

Raging locals also found a huge pile of paint tubs and rubble among waste ditched near Trefonen, Shrops.

They say fly-tipping is now "widespread" and accused the police and authorities of "failing to get a grip" with the problem. One fumed: "Fly-tippers see us as fair game."

The waste was left on a bridleway near the village, known for its 18th Century cottages.

Shropshire Council said a clean-up – which began last month – will cost thousands.

TYRANTS TEAM UP

MAD Vlad Putin and Kim Jong Un shake on a deal to support each other if Russia or North Korea is attacked.

The tyrants spoke for around two hours during a summit in Kim's capital Pyongyang, Russian state media said.

They described it as a major "relations upgrade", covering security, trade, investment and humanitarian ties.

Pictures: POOL/AFP VIA GETTY

Greed not need drives shoplifters

BLAST BY JOHN LEWIS BOSS

EPIDEMIC: Theft

A BOSS at posh stores Waitrose and John Lewis says greed is driving the shoplifting epidemic.

■ by DOMINIK LEMANSKI

Last year, thefts in England and Wales hit their highest since records began in 2003 – 430,000 offences.

Lucy Brown, inset, security chief at John Lewis Partnership (JLP), said: "I describe it as absolutely greed, not need. There are lots of people, they shoplift for as many hours in the week as I work, which is a lot. It's basically their occupation."

She said organised gangs strip shelves to sell goods on, while some folk steal to feed their addictions.

JLP is upgrading security, including using trolleys that lock if people do not pay.

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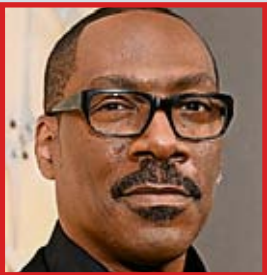
COP OUT: Eddie

Broken Axel for Murphy

EDDIE Murphy failed to find his stunts easy in the fourth instalment of Beverly Hills Cop, three decades after the last film.

The US actor debuted as detective Axel Foley back in 1984.

Eddie said: "I did Beverly Hills Cop when I was 21, and I'm 63 now.

"Now, I would rather not do any stunts. We were shooting something and the director said, 'I want you to come out and run down those steps.'

"After we shot he was like, 'Can you come down with more urgency and faster,' and I was like, 'No.'"

HUSH-HUSH: Ruth

BBC: It's Gavin & secrecy

THE final episode Gavin & Stacey is top secret – and even BBC bosses don't know what happens.

Writers James Corden, 45, and Ruth Jones, 57, are refusing to let them read the script.

The Beeb's head of comedy Jon Petrie said: "James and Ruth won't let us look at it. They are really keeping it under wraps."

But he reckons the writers will face a challenge keeping storylines under wraps once filming for the Christmas special starts in September.

He added: "It'll be obvious what's being shot."

Catia

★ CUTE Catia, 21, is delighted that summer is finally here as she gets ready to head to the nearest beach.

★ "After the snowflakes, I'm ready for ice cream and chocolate flakes," says the Pompey lass. "So I'm off to Southsea to catch some rays and swim in the blue sea."

★ We see you've picked out your favourite leopard-print bikini, so if you spot us at the seaside, give us a wave.

Picture: JEANY SAVAGE

BLEAT-LES LEGEND: Sir Paul's a flock star

Macca tells Royle Family Sue: I can lend you sheep to mark Scouse gong

■ by ELEANOR BARLOW

SIR Paul McCartney offered to loan actress Sue Johnston some sheep so she can make the most of her Freedom of Liverpool.

The Brookside star got the honour at a glittering bash in the city. In a video message, Macca, 82 – granted his Freedom in 1984 – told her: "It allowed me to take a flock of sheep through the city centre, so if you need a couple of sheep to borrow just to take them through the streets, I'm your man."

TV QUEEN: Sue

Royle Family legend Sue, 80, was joined by her screen husband Ricky Tomlinson, 84, at Liverpool Town Hall on Tuesday.

She put her head in her hands as former Anfield boss Jürgen Klopp popped up on screen to offer his congratulations.

Sue said: "I love Scousers. The wit, the heart, they're cheeky. They mean just so much to me. And to be granted the freedom of Liverpool means so much more than anything I've been awarded, really."

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LEIGH'S AVID TO PAY TAXES

COMIC Leigh Francis said Channel 4 sent 20% of his earnings from Bo'Selecta! to pay tax in Romania believing his character Avid Merrion was real.

The Celebrity Juice star came up with the stalker for his sketches in the show.

Leigh, 51, said: "A lot of people didn't know who I was, because I went around as Avid Merrion.

"Channel 4 sent 20% to foreign national taxes because I told them I was from Arachnipus."

WORLD CUP MASCOT MAKES HAND

COP THAT: Hat designer Ilda Di Vico with armed police at Ascot

HAT'S THE WAY TO DO ASCOT..

TOPPER GUY: Prince William

ROYAL Ascot was flush with royals and celebs in fancy hats on another scorcher of a race day, yesterday.

Prince William travelled in a carriage with step-mum Queen Camilla and he was later joined by his parents-in-law Carole and Michael Middleton.

Meanwhile, actress Liz Hurley wore a stylish white wire number on her head as she beamed for the cameras.

And a radiant in red model Lisa Snowdon soaked up the rays and the action in style.

Hat designer Ilda Di Vico, sporting pink floral headgear, posed with armed police on day two of the festival.

Pictures: TIM MERRY

HEAD GIRLS: Lisa, left, and Liz look stunning in smart red and white hats

Dave the cat comes back to inspire Lions

ENGLAND got the purr-fect morale boost ahead of tonight's Euro 2024 clash with Denmark from cat mascot Dave.

■ by JERRY LAWTON in Germany

The stray tabby was befriended by the players after wandering into dinner at their 2022 World Cup HQ in Qatar.

He became the team's lucky charm during their run to the quarter-finals.

The players did not want to leave him behind but he was so popular they could not agree who should adopt him.

To maintain team unity the FA's senior media operations manager Anna Bush agreed to become his new owner.

The moggy could not travel to the team's Blankenhain hotel due to quarantine restrictions but has been watching England play on TV with

QATAR CAT: Dave with Walker and Stones and, right, Anna Bush

Our Jude

BULL'S EYE: City accolade

★ A HUGE Jude Bellingham poster appeared on Birmingham's Bullring shopping centre hours after he scored England's first Euros goal.

The region is getting behind the ex-Birmingham City ace, who was born in Stourbridge, where a mural also celebrates him.

★ Another mural at the Blues' ground is likely to become a fan selfie spot.

HER and,

A PURRFECT EUROS RETURN OF MOG

Anna's sons, Archie, eight, and Bertie, five, who "absolutely adore" the three-year-old.

And now a snap of Dave – dressed like a king with a cape and golden crown – has taken pride of place in a display of players' pets photos.

Anna, 41, said: "Now Dave is here in spirit.

"He is the most amazing cat. He is so gentle.

"He will literally go to anybody. He loves being stroked."

The move has given a massive boost to the team, particularly defenders Kyle Walker and John Stones who first befriended the friendly puss in the Middle East.

A source close to the team said: "Having Dave on board really put a smile on the lads' faces. He's our top cat."

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REGAL: King Dave on his Instagram page

RO: Murals in Stourbridge left, Birmingham's ground

BOSS, I'LL BE FEELING ILL AT AROUND 2.30

UP to 220,000 workers will be struck down with "football flu" this afternoon.

■ by JERRY LAWTON

The dramatic epidemic will sweep the nation ahead of England's Euro 24 clash with Denmark.

The match starts at 5pm but only 21% of the UK's 33million-strong workforce – around 7m – have been told they can finish early to watch the action. Analysts reckon another 2m will pull a fast one to see the game.

According to research commissioned by Krispy Kreme 11% will feign illness with sudden cases of coughs or lost voices in a bid to make it to the pub in time for kick-off. Some 620,000 will pull a sickie.

Alan Price, CEO of BrightHR which did the study, said: "Match days like this one can have a huge impact on attendance and productivity."

FOOTIE FLU: England fan

SHOWER: Lions fans

Millions of pints hit deck

THREE Lions fans spill an estimated 4.6million pints of beer every time the England team scores.

Wild scenes of beer showers as fans hurl their drinks into the air have become commonplace at World Cups and Euros.

Dr Eamon Fulcher, at Split Second Research, said: "We examined online videos of what happens in a pub or large-screen bar area when England fans gather to watch a live tournament match."

He estimated about 20% of the pints cop it – 15% are thrown into the air and a further 5% are spillages.

The beer study was commissioned by supermarket Aldi.

PUB: Paul and Tanith

Bow Inn homage to Lion

A PUB changed its name to The Jarrod Bow Inn in honour of the England and West Ham United winger.

The Wheatsheaf in Chelmsford, Essex, has changed its name to honour Jarrod Bowen for the duration of the Euros.

The boozer asked punters to submit suggestions to decide the temporary rebranding.

Owners Paul and Tanith ran a poll after whittling entries down to The Three Lions Inn, The VAR Bar, and the eventual winner which got 80% of the votes.

They couple posted: "We're now called The Jarrod Bow Inn for the foreseeable future!"

DAILY STAR Says

Unfussy in love Brits

FOLK often say romance is dead – and they might just be right.

At least that's what you can gauge from the new revelations about how unpicky Brits are when it comes to finding love.

Instead of hanging on for Mr or Mrs Right, many daters are now quite content to admit they will settle for someone bang average.

A study even showed that daters are now setting their sights on "6/10" partners.

Now it's perhaps a good thing we have become more realistic in our expectations.

And there probably isn't such a thing as a "perfect" catch out there.

After all, everyone has their foibles.

But we would suggest to those who took part in their poll to watch their step with their brutal honesty once they're actually in a relationship with their bog-standard beaus and mediocre missuses.

Otherwise you'll be back on the apps before you know it, looking for another lacklustre lover!

Treat pets pawfectly

PETS are not something that should be bought on a whim.

They are living creatures who deserve to be treated well.

So it's really distressing to hear that rescue centres across the country are full to "breaking point" with abandoned animals.

It's disgusting and inexcusable.

Yes, there's no doubting it's really tough out there at the moment.

And we get that the cost-of-living crisis has knocked most people for six.

But if there is any doubt of people being able to look after a pet properly then they just shouldn't get one.

These aren't toys you can discard after one play on Christmas Day.

They are a full-time commitment and one that folk should keep.

Cat-alyst

ENGLAND'S unofficial team mascot Dave the Cat is back to bring the Three Lions good luck again in Germany.

He must have activated the claws in his contract!

HERE'S 15 FACTS TO MAKE YOU PERSPIRE

DON'T SWEAT ABOUT IT...

IT'S not very amoo-sing on a blistering hot day when you end up with sticky sweat patches under your arm.

But boffins reckon making cows sweat is the key to helping future food production. When the mercury rises, the hot animals eat and get jiggy less.

Here KIM CARR pours over 15 sweaty facts...

1 After puberty works its magic, males tend to sweat twice as much as females due to higher levels of testosterone in the body despite women having more sweat glands.

2 We generally sweat less the older we get.

3 Scoffing spicy, sugary, salty and foods with lots of protein can increase your likelihood to get a sweat on as well as feeling nervous, anxious or stressed.

4 Humans have two kinds of sweat glands – apocrine and eccrine. If you get whiffy from working up a sweat blame your apocrine – it's full of water and waste that results in honky bacteria growth on the skin. Sweat itself has no odour.

5 Like fingerprints, everyone's sweat is unique.

6 Hippos' sweat comes out on their skin the colour red and protects them from the sun rays, and is antibiotic.

7 There is a human sweat condition called chromhidrosis, which can make our sweat turn colours including blue and orange. Certain drugs have been blamed for causing the reaction but other times there can be no obvious reason for it.

8 Horse sweat contains a protein called latherin which moves water from their skin into the air, where it evaporates and cools them down.

9 In 2013, Swedish UNICEF boffin Andreas Hammar created a machine to lift sweat from clothes and turn it into water to draw attention to people in the world lacking access to clean drinking water. One T-shirt produced two teaspoons of water.

10 Our feet have 250,000 sweat glands leaking out around half a pint of sweat each day.

11 Plain old Andy Windsor claimed he lost the ability to sweat following an adrenaline overdose when he was shot at during the Falklands War, during his Newsnight interview with Emily Maitlis in 2019. Rufus Sewell captured it playing the former Royal in Netflix's Scoop.

12 Hematidrosis is a rare condition where a person can sweat blood if under extreme levels of stress.

13 Sweating to excess levels is known as hyperhidrosis and a condition which stars including Cameron Diaz, Halle Berry, David Hasselhoff and even Batman actor Robert Pattinson suffer with. R-Patz revealed while shooting sex scenes for Maps To The Stars with Julianne Moore: "I sweat like a f***ing crazy person. I was trying to catch drops of sweat to stop them hitting her back."

14 Botox can be used to block nerve signals which stimulate sweating.

15 Nineties dance banger Gonna Make You Sweat (Everybody Dance Now) by C+C Music Factory featured vocals from The Weather Girls singer Martha Walsh. She successfully sued when a thinner model was used in the video and she wasn't named in the album credits either.

MOIST: Halle Berry and Andy Windsor both have sweat issues

THE BRAINBOX

BRAINS OF BRITAIN

We asked you for a fruit or vegetable flavour of liqueur. Beetroot??:

1 Orange
2 Cherry
3= Strawberry, lemon
5 Peach
6 Melon
7 Apple
8 Sloe
9= Marula, beetroot, mint, blackcurrant, mango, pear, raspberry

Join the BoB panel. Email StarLetters@dailystar.co.uk to get the next batch of questions

1 Which panellist and journalist has appeared in the most episodes of Have I Got News For You?

2 What is the first name of the telly pundit Williams who won a record 170 caps for the England women's team?

3 "See the stone set in your eyes, see the thorn twist in your side" is the start of which song?

4 What is the name of the actress in the picture?

5 What time is it 230 minutes after midnight?

SOUND OF MUSIC: Who?

ASK US ANOTHER

Q Amazing that Beauty And The Beast won an Oscar (Brainbox. Tuesday). Which songs did it beat from the same film? **BEAST**

A Be Our Guest and Belle were both nominated in the same category.

Text DSTAR with your question and name to 63333. Cost 50p + network rate

ANSWERS:

1) Ian Hislop; 2) Fara; 3) With Or Without You; 4) Julie Andrews; 5) 3.50am.

DEAD BABY: Marten

Tot pair jury no verdicts

THE jury in the trial of aristocrat Constance Marten and her partner Mark Gordon has been discharged.

The couple's daughter Victoria was found dead on an allotment in Brighton last March.

At the Old Bailey Marten, 37, and Gordon, 50, had denied manslaughter by gross negligence, causing or allowing the death of a child, concealing the birth of a child, child cruelty and perverting the course of justice.

After a trial lasting nearly five-months, jurors failed to reach verdicts.

Marten and Gordon may face a retrial.

FACT OF THE DAY

GIRAFFES are around 30 times more likely to get struck by a bolt of lightning during a thunderstorm than people are.

MURDERER: Varybrus

Stab kill teen, 17 gets life

A 17-YEAR-OLD who stabbed a teenager on a dance floor has been jailed for life for his murder.

Yura Varybrus will serve at least 16 years.

At Brighton Crown Court, Judge Christine Henson KC lifted restrictions on naming Varybrus and said it had been a "particularly grave crime".

Charlie Cosser, 17, from Milford, Surrey, was stabbed three times in the chest in a marquee at a party in Warnham, West Sussex, last July.

His mother, Tara Cosser, said: "No sentence will be long enough for my child's murderer. It doesn't bring Charlie back."

GIO SAD START TO DAY

FORMER Strictly star Giovanni Pernice looks downbeat as he visits two casinos before lunchtime.

The pro dancer, 33, was seen puffing on a cigarette as he headed out and about in Kensington, west London.

Giovanni – who has left the BBC show – is being investigated amid bullying claims by three female stars.

He has denied all the allegations and vowed to clear his name.

Picture: CLICK NEWS/SPLASH

6/10 ain't bad

DATERS OFF PERFECTION

■ by ANDREW JAMESON

THE hunt for Mr or Mrs Perfect is over – with daters setting their sights on just above average lovers.

Over half of dating app users are seeking a partner who isn't stereotypically "perfect". And 81% claim they want someone who they would rate as a "six out of 10".

Dating expert Alix Fox, working with app Plenty of Fish, which did the study, said: "Most singles aren't seeking someone godlike. They want an 'Average Joe' (or Jane) who's relatable." Even a sense of humour is optional, especially for men looking for "the one".

Comic Joanne McNally, left, 41, told the Comfort Eating podcast dating is hard as men don't fancy funny women.

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Cox: ETs fear trolls

PROFESSOR Brian Cox reckons aliens are scared of visiting Earth because of internet trolls.

The telly boffin spoke out after online haters rubbished one of his posts after he welcomed the repair of the broken Voyager 1 probe.

Cox, 56, said: "I'm increasingly of the view that the reason for The Great Silence is that civilisations are inevitably crushed by the weight of nobheads shortly after inventing the internet."

No delay for pay

A FREE app is being created that will help plane passengers make a claim for delayed travel and lost baggage in just 40 seconds.

Santina Capreis is building it for TravelTech as there is an estimated £8.2billion of unclaimed claims in the UK alone.

The tech entrepreneur, based in Suffolk, said: "I have always been an avid flyer and like many I often experience delays.

"It occurred to me how hard it was to claim the compensation."

Pictures: PA

UNHENGED!

■ by KATE NELSON

TWO Just Stop Oil protesters have been branded "scum" after orange powder was sprayed all over the iconic Stonehenge monument.

It came ahead of summer solstice celebrations at the Wiltshire stones. Just Stop Oil named the protesters as Niamh Lynch, 21, and Rajan Naidu, 73, and said the powder is corn flour and will wash away. Police arrested the pair.

Voyager: What did I miss..?

NASA'S SATELLITE IS BACK IN TOUCH

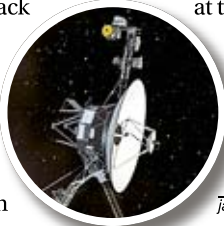
■ by JAMES CAVEN

A SPACE probe launched in 1977 has contacted Earth after six months of silence.

Nasa said, "We're back, baby!" when Voyager I started sending back data after a glitch.

Boffins fixed it even though the vintage craft is more than 15billion miles away.

Contact was lost in November when an ageing chip went haywire. Engineers had to send simple commands to fix the issue – with instructions taking nearly a day to get there, even at the speed of light.

Voyager I was meant to work for four years but has gone further than any other craft, flying past Jupiter and Saturn.

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STILL TWO WEEKS TO GO!

STANDBY: Lifeboat

882 hop Channel in a day

NEARLY 900 migrants got to England in a single day after crossing the Channel – a new record for the year so far.

The Home Office said 882 people made the journey in 15 boats on Tuesday.

It takes the provisional total for arrivals this year up to 12,313.

This is 18% higher than the same time last year when 10,472 crossings were recorded.

There have been more than 2,000 arrivals since the General Election was called on May 22.

The number of crossings since Rishi "Biggles" Sunak, who pledged to "stop the boats", became PM in October 2022 is at 49,376.

HOME: Starmer & Vic

Sir Keir protest: 3 guilty

PRO-Palestine protesters have been found guilty of public order offences after a demo outside Sir Keir Starmer's home.

Leonorah Ward, 21, of Leeds, Zosia Lewis, 23, of Newcastle, and Daniel Formentin, 24, of Leeds, hung a banner outside Sir Keir and his wife Victoria's London house that read, "Starmer stop the killing".

The trio, representing Youth Demand, also laid rows of kids' shoes at the door to signify children killed in Gaza.

At Westminster Magistrates Court they were sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment, suspended for 12 months and also given a community order.

Bozo's herd birthday

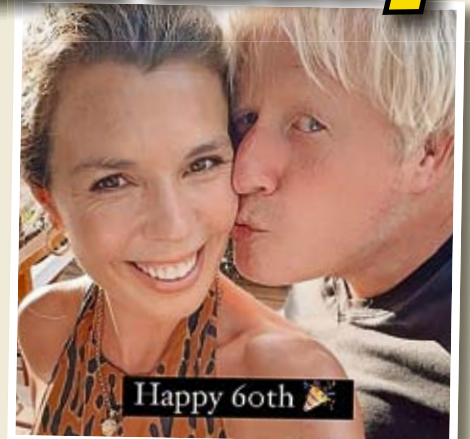
60TH: Johnson with some of his kids

BOZO Johnson celebrated turning 60 with his family – and a herd of elephants.

The ex-PM was given three life-size wooden figures by his wife Carrie, 36, with whom he has three children.

She shared photos on Instagram of the gifts, which cost at least £6,500 each, at their Oxfordshire home to mark the occasion yesterday.

When Bozo quit No10 in July 2022 he whinged about Tory MPs: "As we've seen at Westminster, the herd instinct is powerful and when the herd moves, it moves."

Bozo is expected to shun the campaign trail and go on holiday instead. He is due back in the UK the day before polling.

OUT FOR COUNT

★ COUNT Binface is going on a nationwide Bindependence Day tour to "make Earth great again".

It could be a victory lap for the "intergalactic space warrior" who is hoping to unseat PM Rishi Sunak.

★ Binface is set to make a state-of-the-nation address on the 16-date tour, which kicks off in September.

■ by JAMES CAVEN

The satirical character, a creation of comic Jon Harvey, said: "Come and see me give an alien's visor view of Britain, with my own brand of sci-fi satire and, of course, my unbeatable manifesto."

SUNAK COPPER NICKED ON BET

Election wager probed

■ by JAMES CAVEN

ONE of the Prime Minister's protection officers has been arrested over alleged bets on the General Election.

The police constable, from the Metropolitan Police's Royalty and Specialist Protection Command, has been suspended. The Gambling Commission contacted the force on Friday to alert it to its probe.

The officer from Rishi "Biggles" Sunak's close protection team, was arrested on suspicion of misconduct in public office.

The unnamed cop has been bailed pending inquiries.

■ EYE EYE: Rishi cop quizzed over betting claims

Scotland Yard said the matter was "referred to officers in the Met's Directorate of Professional Standards, who opened an investigation".

It has also been referred to the Independent Office for Police Conduct.

The Gambling Commission confirmed that it is investigating "the possibility of offences concerning the date of the election".

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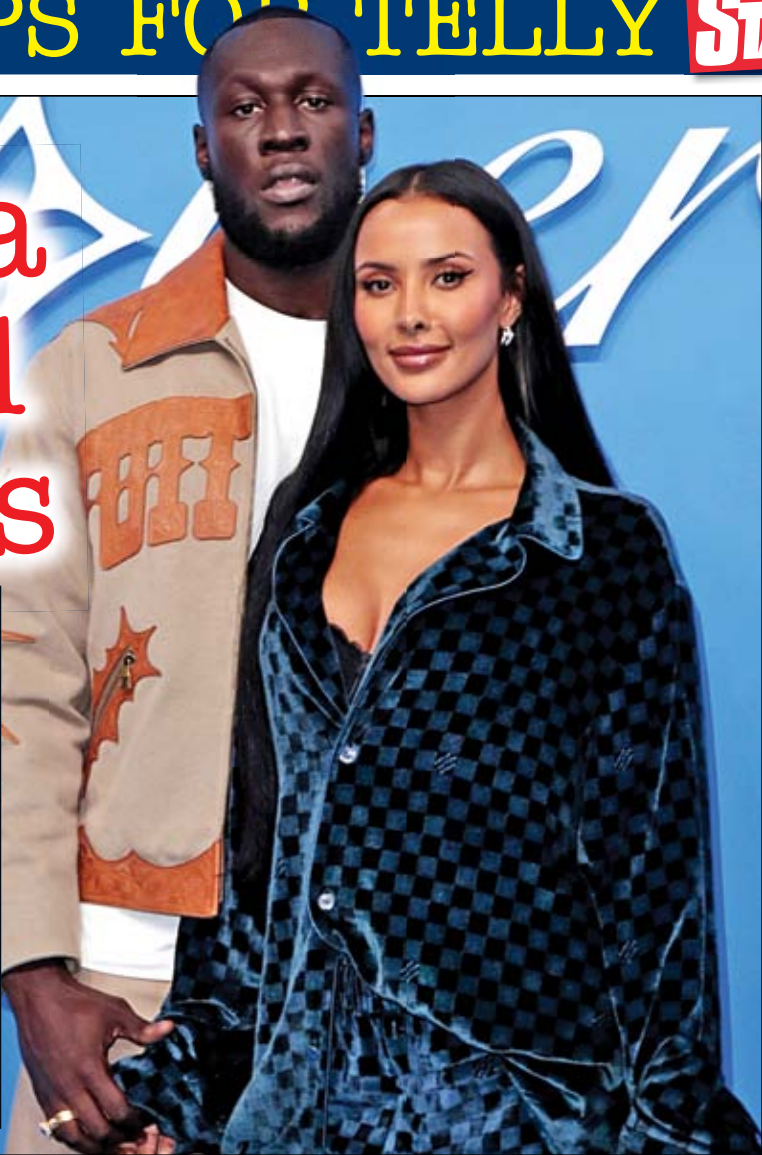
Maya is all styles

★ MAYA Jama smiles as she holds Stormzy's hand at a fashion show.

The Love Island host, 29, and rapper Stormzy, 30, were guests at a Louis Vuitton presentation for Paris Fashion Week.

★ They were joined by singer-songwriter Sabrina Carpenter, 25, and actors Alicia Vikander, 35, and her hubby Michael Fassbender, 47, at the star-studded event.

Dyer in a comic 1st

DANNY Dyer will make his telly comedy debut in Mr Bigstuff next month.

The show focuses on the chaotic lives of two estranged brothers living in an Essex cul-de-sac.

Lee, played by the EastEnders star, is an "alpha male with a prescription drug addiction and a biscuit tin full of his dad's ashes", who is on the run when he is reunited with his sibling.

Mr Bigstuff is available on NOW from July 17.

Roisin: My tap spook

AFTER Life star Roisin Conaty says a ghost is pouring boiling water through her taps when they're off.

Roisin, 45, said she called a plumber but he could not explain the mystery.

She said: "The taps were off – and hot water came. Ghost water is what I've been dealing with."

Asked by Harry Hill on his Are We There Yet? podcast if the plumber managed to work out how it was happening, she said he hadn't, adding: "We don't know."

BUMPER BELLY EM

★ EMILY Atack displays her enormous baby bump as she waits for her first nipper to arrive.

Showing signs of fatigue, the Inbetweeners star, 34, posted the pic on Instagram and joked: "Help.... Me...."

★ One fan replied: "You look like you're ready to have your baby." Another asked: "Are you birthing the Titanic?"

HELP MAKE CUSHTY NEW ROLE DAVID!

BBC wants legend back on screens

EXCLUSIVE ■ by ED GLEAVE

TOP brass at the BBC want to work with Sir David Jason to make another classic sitcom.

The legend has helped the Beeb create smash hits including Only Fools and Horses and Open All Hours.

And bosses are convinced he is still so popular with viewers he could pull it off again.

The Beeb's head of comedy, Jon Petrie, told the Daily Star: "We would always be open to hearing anything from Sir David Jason. We are totally open to making sitcoms. We don't get pitched them very much, but we want to make it clear to producers that we're not closed to the idea of doing them."

Sir David is still in demand at 84. In recent months he has appeared on motoring show Car SOS and fronted Touring Toolshed for the BBC.

And Jon reckons he is still one of British TV's biggest stars. He added: "David is a legend."

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BIG STAR: Sir David Jason

DSIST

BIG STEPS AHEAD

STEPS have secured the cast for their musical.

Group member **Claire Richards** also revealed details of the show on **Jessie Ware**'s Table Manners podcast: "The story is four friends and they work in a suit store by the sea called Better Best Bargains and one lead character challenges her friends to find love over the summer.

"The summer of love, and it's just kind of about the ups and downs of their stories and what happens in that week."

Claire promised: "There's got to be a Steps medley at the end."

MUSICAL: Claire

WIRED

POST Malone is the latest pop star about to release a country-leaning collection of songs.

The rapper's sixth album F-1 Trillion lands on August 16 and was recorded largely in Nashville.

WORLD

WIRED

KATY Perry reconnected with Teenage Dream producers **Dr Luke** and **Max Martin** for her upcoming LP.

Rolling Stone writes: "Katy knew exactly the album she wanted to make and put together the team to make it."

WORLD

Celine fights to sing once more

SHE is one of the greatest singers ever but Celine Dion doesn't want anyone to hear her voice while she battles stiff person syndrome.

The star opens up about her struggles in new Amazon Prime Video documentary I Am: Celine Dion, which follows her journey with the neurological disorder causing muscle stiffness, painful spasms and tour cancellations.

In the doc Celine, who hasn't performed since 2022, says of her vocals: "It's very difficult for me to hear that. I don't want people to hear that.

"Before I got really hit with SPS, my voice was the conductor of my life.

"When your voice brings you joy, you're the best of yourself.

"I haven't sung for two years. I'm not quite sure if I'm going to be capable of singing.

Celine tried hiding her problems at first: "I would point my microphone towards the audience and I would make them sing it. There's moments where I cheated, tapped on the microphone like it was the microphone's fault."

Celine's first symptoms began 17 years ago: "I started to experience voice spasming. I was scared. I didn't know what to do.

"Last year I got to a point that I couldn't walk. I was losing my balance.

"A lot of pain. And I can't use my voice yet. Music, I miss it a lot, but also people – I miss them."

The project became a form of therapy for Celine: "Singing has been the great joy of my life. But since I have not been on stage for the last four years, I wanted to find a way to talk to my fans and that's what I'm doing through this movie. This is my love letter to my fans."

I Am is out on June 25.

JAMES CABOOTER'S

IRED All week

with SAM MAYERS

CAM AND HAM

IT seems like **Camila Cabello**'s need for speed paid off at last month's Miami Grand Prix.

She was snapped with **Lewis Hamilton** at the race and now he stars in her latest video. Dade County Dreaming, a collaboration with **City Girls**, sees Camila being whizzed around the city streets by the British Formula 1 legend in his Mercedes.

The new single will be out next Friday.

'PLAN A' SAB

RANDOM NOTES

SUMMER OF SABRINA

SABRINA Carpenter might be the biggest chart star of the moment, but she's glad things didn't happen overnight for her.

Set to release her sixth album later this year, the singer is glad she never gave up

Sabrina told Rolling Stone: "I'm just annoying. I'm literally just annoying.

"I never had the plan B, and it wasn't even a thought in my mind that it wouldn't work out.

"I say Sabrina wasn't built in a day."

Picture: THEA TRAFF

Album so silly to Billy

DON'T go expecting a new **Billy Joel** album... because he reckons **Taylor Swift** is the only artist who sells any.

Earlier this year he dropped Turn the Lights Back On, his first single in decades.

But an LP won't arrive on the back of it.

Billy explained: "Who makes albums any more anyway? I think the only person making new albums these days is Taylor Swift or **Olivia Rodrigo**.

"I don't know other people who make albums. I don't know what the marketing of that is like now."

Despite penning a slew of timeless classics, Billy told Variety he doesn't like writing any more, calling it "a form of torture".

He plays Cardiff on August 9.

HARD SELL: Billy

PINKS ONE TO WATCH!

BLACKPINK fans are in for a solo music bonanza.

The group's **Jennie** joined **Billie Eilish** at her Spotify event in South Korea this week, sparking rumours of a collab and possible support slot on Billie's upcoming world tour.

On top of that, **Lisa** returns with Rockstar on June 27, her first solo single in nearly four years.

Hot on her heels will be bandmate **Rose**, who updated fans this week: "I've been in the studio almost every single day, working on new music.

"It has been months of learning how to be an independent person for myself.

"I will have some other very exciting announcements in the not-too-distant future, but most importantly I would love for everyone to be most excited for my music!"

LIL NAS COPS THEME TUNE

BEVERLY Hills Cop fans have got a new Axel F to groove to.

Netflix has announced **Lil Nas X** is behind the official song Here We Go! for the fourth instalment of the **Eddie Murphy** franchise.

The films in which the actor plays wise-cracking detective Axel Foley have spawned some massive hits including **Harold Faltermeyer**'s instrumental Axel F and **Glen Frey**'s The Heat Is On.

Lil Nas X's effort lands on June 28, while the film – titled Axel F – will have its premiere on July 3 on Netflix.

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VINTAGE WEVVA FOR VINO

English boom despite gloom

ENGLISH winemakers are raising a glass to a bumper summer for homegrown vintages.

■ by WILL STONE

Insiders said the industry is on course for its best yet – despite grey skies. Some firms' sales are up 50% year on year.

Although sunny weather "has not quite come to fruition yet", grape growers are confident of record figures.

Jonathan White, of producers Gusbourne, said English wines are "rivalling some of the very best in the world". He said: "There has been a real surge in appreciation and recognition for the quality and diversity of English wines."

● AN English rosé has been included on a list of the top 50 tipples.

Chapel Down's rosé brut scooped one of the 50 medals at the Decanter World Wine Awards, the first time a UK sparkling rosé has landed the gong.

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Battle on the beach

Pictures: GRAHAM HUNT/BNPS/MARCIN NOWAK/LNP

★ A FED-up tourist fights back against aggressive seagulls.
The woman was about to tuck into a sandwich on the beach at Weymouth, Dorset, when she was mobbed by eight greedy gulls.
★ The gang landed on her picnic rug but she chased them off.
Meanwhile, pelicans enjoyed the sunshine in St James's Park, London.

Invasion of the 160ft jellyfish

MAN O' WAR WARNING

■ by KATE NELSON

STAYCATIONERS have been warned to watch out for Portuguese men o' war invading beaches.

The beasts – closely related to jellyfish with tentacles up to 160ft – have already been found on Jersey shores this week.

One sting from their giant feelers can leave a swimmer in agony – and can even kill.

And with many parts of the UK enjoying temps hotter than Tenerife next week, warmer seas could tempt the creatures closer to UK beaches.

The Marine Conservation Society said the rise in the number of jellyfish around our coast "can no longer be ignored".

A spokesperson said: "The million-dollar question is why this is happening? At the moment we just don't know."

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BARTON WILL PAY VINE EXTRA £35K

■ by CALLUM PARKE

JOEY Barton will fork out a further £35,000 damages to settle a libel claim with Jeremy Vine on top of a £75,000 payment, the telly star's solicitors have said.

The out-of-work football manager had said he'd agreed to pay Mr Vine £75,000 and his legal costs after calling him a "bike nonce" and other slurs.

He admitted the online accusations were "very serious" and "untrue".

But Mr Vine said the payment only related to five of 10 posts a High Court judge ruled could defame him.

Mr Vine's lawyers said Barton would pay £35,000 as part of a "separate settlement" for the claims and "participate in" an apology statement in court.

SLURS: Joey

Cop car calf ram probed

A POLICE force has been told to investigate whether ramming an escaped young cow with a police car was "appropriate".

Surrey Police should also look at whether officers involved met standards of professional behaviour, the Independent Office for Police Conduct said.

Footage of the calf being hit by a cop car in Staines-upon-Thames had sparked outrage online.

DAILY STAR PICTURE POWER

Pictures: ANDY MORKOT/SOLENT NEWS

YOU'VE GOT THAT LOVING FELINE

■ by JOHN WARD

★ TWO lionesses get up close and purr-sonal as they affectionately give each other a loving nuzzle.

★ The cats – believed to be a mum and daughter – were snapped in Kenya's Masai Mara game reserve by British photographer Andy Morkot.

Two bans for driver

A MOTORIST was banned for a second time – after he was caught driving home from a hearing where he had just been disqualified.

Can Koroglu, 34, was nabbed near his home in Waltham Abbey, Essex, after he left Chelmsford Magistrates' Court.

His six-month ban was increased to 18 months.

CLIMB OF HIS LIFE

RECORD runner Pawel Cymbalista, 36, climbed 4,413ft Ben Nevis in Scotland seven times in 20 hours, 40mins and 40secs.

RSPCA CRISIS

Animal centres are at 'breaking point'

WARNING: Colman

■ by MARC WALKER

RESCUE centres are so full of abandoned animals that they are "at breaking point", the RSPCA has warned.

The charity is paying around £500,000 per month in private boarding fees for 1,441 animals that it cannot accommodate at its overcrowded shelters.

And it is urging Brits to consider adopting a pet instead of buying a furry or feathered companion.

Bosses have blamed the soaring cost of keeping pets for the flood of animals coming into their care.

The charity said in a statement: "In the first four months of this year, it cost the RSPCA an eye-watering £2.1million to provide care for hundreds of animals in private boarding centres, because its own centres are already at capacity."

More than half of the huge bill – some £1.2m – went on kennelling 500 hounds.

Karen Colman, the RSPCA's head of private boarding, added: "Our rescue and rehoming centres are at breaking point, as animals arrive faster than they leave."

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Battle of the pole chancers

Pictures: LEE McLEAN/SWNS

A HOMEOWNER has won a battle to remove a 40ft pole that was installed by a broadband firm on his drive.

Philip Waller, 65, went "ballistic" after Connexin put it up 16ft from his windows while he was out.

The 65-year-old, of Barnsley, South Yorks, said: "It is a bit of a 'David and Goliath' situation.

"We've only won because what they've done is illegal."

HOLIDAY: The teen

Fear for missing Jay, 19

THE mum of a teen missing in Tenerife said she fears he has been "taken."

Jay Slater, 19, was last heard from on Monday as he told a pal he planned to walk back to his accommodation on the Canary Island after missing a bus.

It was a journey expected to take 11 hours on foot.

His mum Debbie Duncan, of Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, joined the search for the apprentice bricklayer on Tuesday. She said: "It's just traumatic and it doesn't feel real.

"I think he's been taken against his will, but it's in the hands of the police."

THE GOLDEN YEAR

Can you guess the year from these five clues?

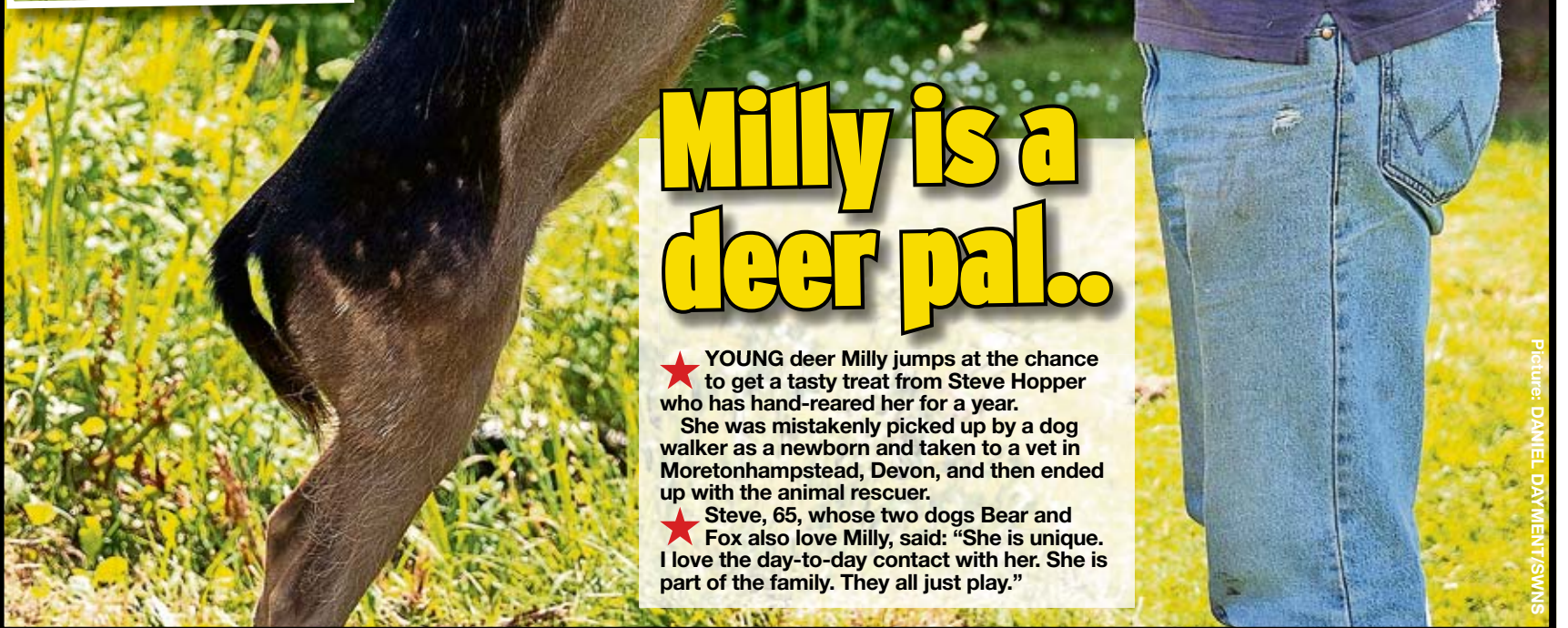
1. **The largest UK heist sees £53million stolen from the Securitas depot in Kent.**
2. **The BBC's Top of the Pops, which began in 1964, bows out with its last ever episode.**
3. **The Nintendo Wii gaming console is released across the world.**
4. **Italy defeat France on penalties to win football's World Cup in Germany.**
5. **Helen Mirren stars as Queen Elizabeth II in new movie, The Queen.**

No Googling! Answer in tomorrow's paper. Yesterday's year: 2006

Lothario quits sex

A MAN dubbed a "modern-day Hugh Hefner" has given up sex.

LX Xander had been on the hunt for his seventh girlfriend – one for each day of the week.

But the 34-year-old music producer from Yorkshire, who now lives in LA, said he's gone celibate to "reset the dopamine receptors in my brain".

Milly is a deer pal..

★ YOUNG deer Milly jumps at the chance to get a tasty treat from Steve Hopper who has hand-reared her for a year.

She was mistakenly picked up by a dog walker as a newborn and taken to a vet in Moretonhampstead, Devon, and then ended up with the animal rescuer.

★ Steve, 65, whose two dogs Bear and Fox also love Milly, said: "She is unique. I love the day-to-day contact with her. She is part of the family. They all just play."

Picture: DANIEL DAYMENT/SWNS

CHANCES WITH WOLVES

Plan to boost tourism... and farmers are NOT happy

by JAMES CAVEN

PLANS to boost "wildlife tourism" by reintroducing wolves to the British countryside have got farmers howling.

A new report found "enthusiastic" attitudes "about the potential of wildlife tourism" from bringing them back.

But farmers fear they would kill their sheep and cost them a fortune because of the "additional labour" involved in "predator proofing" their land.

In February, Minette Batters, President of the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales, said: "Bringing back wolves on an island with 68 million people would end badly. A hungry wolf will delight in eating someone's pet dog and a wolf will be in Birmingham before you know it."

Arguments for reintroducing wolves include their ecological benefits, such as controlling deer numbers and encouraging "nature restoration".

Potential issues include who would pay for guard dogs or electric fencing.

Jonny Hanson, of Queen's University Belfast who carried out the study on attitudes towards rewilding, found farmers also fear "the novelty could wear off as new species became more common".

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NICKED: AirPods

'PC' pod catches burglar

A BURGLAR was caught after a quick-thinking crime fighter tracked down their friend's stolen AirPods.

Sam Hawkins, 37, made off with the earphones on April 17 along with passports, a laptop, an iPhone and an iPad.

He burgled a second home just three minutes later in Dartford, Kent.

But a friend of the first victim traced the stolen AirPods to the suspect's home in Erith, London. He was jailed for two years at Woolwich crown court.

X-TRA SPECIAL GIFT

A RARE Pepsi Hulk Xbox console gifted to a British Heart Foundation charity shop in Oxford has sold for nearly £8,000.

SECRETS OF YOUR PETS

AN animal charity is reaching out to pet owners to find out just how obsessed Brits are with their furry friends.

The online survey asks for people's views on everything from animal welfare to how they celebrate pet birthdays.

The Big Pet Census will help Blue Cross better understand the role that animal companions play in their owners' lives.

CEO Chris Burghes said: "We are really proud to have changed millions of lives in our 125-year history but the need for our help is growing all the time.

"No one knows your pet quite like you do and now you can share your knowledge to help make this an even better world for pets."

The survey is open until July 7 at bluecross.org.uk/census-press

Chip-hip hooray for missing pets

MORE than 25,000 pets have been reported missing in the last year.

Since January 2023, almost 5,000 dogs and over 20,000 cats have been listed as lost. Thankfully, nearly three-quarters of pooches and almost two-thirds of moggies have been found.

Petlog, the UK's largest database for microchipped pets, says it underlines microchipping's importance.

The stats have been released for National Microchipping Month to encourage owners to chip their furry friends and check details. Microchips help to reunite tens of thousands of much-loved pets with their owners.

Bill Lambert, at Petlog, said: "It is not a magic wand and will not work if owners do not keep their contact details up to date with their microchipping database.

"A lot of families move house and change phone numbers, without updating these details with their database, making it impossible to reunite their pets in a lot of cases.

"Checking and updating your details this National Microchipping Month is such a simple step but can make all the difference."

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PLUSH: Pup-fect

Squishmallow Plush Dog Toys

THESE super-squeaky dog toys are perfect for playful pups.

They have reinforced seams to make them extra durable and the soft fabric is ideal for snuggling up to after a long day of play.

Each toy features a cute and colourful Squishmallows design.

They are available for £17.99 for four from Amazon.

TRAGIC: Xielo

Mum's funeral appeal

THE grieving mother of a boy who fell into a fast-flowing river and drowned has launched a fundraiser to cover his funeral costs.

Kayela Smith asked for help to give two-year-old Xielo Maruziva the "send off he deserves".

Xielo fell from a towpath into the River Soar, at Aylestone Meadows in Leicester, on February 18.

His father jumped in to try to save him but the little boy was swept away, with his body only being found on June 6.

On her GoFundMe, his mum said: "I have launched this page to help with the funeral planning for my little boy Xielo Maruziva, to give him the send off he deserves.

"We are heartbroken. It is hard to describe the pain and suffering we are all going through."

DONNY ACTOR: Gadd

No stop for fans of deer..

BABY Reindeer fans are stunned after discovering a bus stop used in the Netflix hit isn't real.

Martha, played by Jessica Gunning, sits at the bus stop outside Donny's (Richard Gadd) house in the series.

It's seen fans attempt to track the London location down – until a Facebook fan group broke the news that it was a prop.

Replying to a question about the location, one responder said: "It's Cambalt Road, Putney. The bus stop isn't real."

Another said: "As someone who worked in film and TV I can confirm that it's very unlikely that it would have been shot at a real bus stop. What about real passengers... and the sound of buses interrupting filming?"

JUSTIN WHO?

LEAVING POLICE STATION

Cop 'too young' to know singing star

■ by DOMINIK LEMANSKI

JUSTIN Timberlake "was not recognised" by cops who nabbed him on suspicion of drink driving.

The pop music sensation was arrested for driving while intoxicated in Sag Harbor, a swanky village in The Hamptons, New York, early on Tuesday.

The 43-year-old hitmaker was pictured in handcuffs after being charged with the offence.

Police said he ran a stop sign and veered out of his lane.

Now reports from the US have revealed police struggled to recognise the mega star singer.

Sources said: "[The cop] was so young that he didn't even know [who Timberlake was]. He didn't recognise him or his name."

And a second insider said: "Justin said under his breath, 'This is going to ruin the tour.'

"The cop replied, 'What tour?' Justin said, 'The world tour.'"

Officers said Timberlake told them he had one martini and was following a pal home.

The NSYNC frontman was detained after taking a field sobriety test and allegedly refusing a breathalyser.

The SexyBack singer is due in court on July 26.

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BOOKING SHOT

Chicks get a flappy m-eel

★ A CUTE puffin gets in a bit of a flap as it stuffs its face full of sand eels.

The caring parent was making sure it had enough food to take to its hungry chicks on the Isle of May, off the coast of Scotland.

★ The youngsters, also known as pufflings, are fed by their parents until they are ready to fly.

Pictures: ROB McCOMBE/BAV MEDIA

Bad lab busted by cops

A REAL-life Breaking Bad meth lab that made 10 kilos of drugs a day has been busted by police.

The travelling laboratory roved across Spain from a base near Barcelona.

The set-up would make up to 10 kilos of drugs per day, up to a maximum of 1.5 tons, to be shipped across Europe.

Spanish cops said it was "one of the most sophisticated" drug labs ever found with "evaporators, constant speed stirrers, low-temperature circulators and refrigerators".

£11k for New car

★ THIS 1975 Triumph Stag driven by Dennis Waterman in New Tricks, below, got bidders all revved up yesterday.

The classic car also featured on other TV shows, including Murphy's Law, The Last Weekend and Midsomer Murders.

★ It sold in the H&H Classics Imperial War Museum auction for £11,000.

Tech chief not happy

A FORMER Fujitsu boss told the inquiry he felt "aggrieved" over the Horizon scandal.

Richard Christou said he had initially believed the IT system was a "major success".

He said he always regarded the Post Office as a "satisfied customer".

'TOXIC' POST OFFICE TRAP

Buyers stay away

■ by ALICE BROOKER

VICTIMS of the Post Office scandal say nobody wants to buy their businesses.

Sub-postmasters reckon they are trapped and the brand is "toxic" after the Horizon IT scandal.

Graham Livesey, of Staveley, Cumbria, said his branch has been on the market since 2015. He added: "I can't run a post office after what PO did. PO is a toxic attachment."

Rosalind Cobb, from Anglesey, north Wales, has spent two years trying to sell her business.

A Post Office spokesman said: "We believe customers distinguish between PO's appalling behaviour and today's postmasters."

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THE BLUFFER'S GUIDE TO ANTARCTICA

with PAUL DONNELLEY

The Antarctic Treaty was signed on December 1, 1959 and came into force on June 23 1961, but what is Antarctica? Here are some facts about Earth's only continent that doesn't have a native human population.

Antarctica is covered 98% in ice and contains 90% of the world's frozen water.

It is the biggest land mass on Earth not controlled by one country. The UK, Russia, US and Chile are among several nations that have research bases there.

Each scientist uses the time of their home country because Antarctica does not have a single time zone and it is perpetually light in the summer and always dark in the winter.

The population of Antarctica is about 1,000 in the winter and around 3-4,000 in the summer (nearly all them are boffins).

There are two active volcanoes on the continent.

Antarctica is home to the Dry Valley – the driest place on Earth. In spite of the cold, the area is so lacking in moisture that ice and snow just vanish, leaving a dirt patch behind.

Antarctica's Deep Lake is one of the coldest bodies of water on the planet with temperatures hovering around -15C. But it never freezes because it is also one of the saltiest lakes in the world.

The Gamburtsev Mountains range over 700 miles of the continent – with some peaks rising to 10,000ft – but you won't see them because they are entirely hidden below ice.

Antarctica has been hit by more meteorites than any other place on Earth.

There are certain kinds of fungus that live in Antarctica and nowhere else on the planet. One kind lives on the rotten wood of explorers' huts from years gone by, while another lives on petrol dispensed by snow mobiles and other vehicles.

The first international treaty to protect the continent's biodiversity was signed in 1964.

In January 1773, explorer Captain James Cook ventured within about 75 miles of Antarctica before being put off by an ice field.

In 1907, an expedition led by Ernest Shackleton, left became the first to climb Mount Erebus and reach the magnetic South Pole.

On December 14, 1911, Norwegian Roald Amundsen became the first explorer to reach the geographic South Pole, beating the ill-fated expedition led by Captain Robert Falcon Scott.

The first child born in the Antarctic was Solveig Gunbjørg Jacobsen, a Norwegian girl, who arrived in Grytviken on October 8, 1913 – and was being born there. Being born in such a cold environment did Solveig no harm – she lived to be 83.

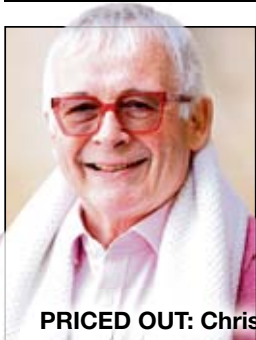
LINE OF BOOT-Y

★ ADRIAN Dunbar poses with Line of Duty co-star Vicky McClure and writer Jed Mercurio after the opening night of musical Kiss Me, Kate

Supt Ted Hastings star Adrian wore knee-high boots to play Fred Graham in the show at London's Barbican Theatre.

★ Vicky posted: "The gaffer sang his heart out."

The Worst End

BIGGINS BLASTS 'KILLER' £250 THEATRE TICKETS

PRICED OUT: Chris

by KATE NELSON

PANTO dame Christopher Biggins has booed the soaring prices of West End show tickets.

He warns the eye-watering cost is "killing the industry".

The veteran actor, 75, had recently wanted to attend Succession star Sarah Snook's production in London.

But prices to see The Picture Of Dorian Gray put him off going.

Biggins said: "I got very angry because I wanted to see the girl from Succession in her one-woman show. It's £250 a ticket – this is going to kill the West End."

Others were also appalled by the prices.

Theatre critic Clive Davis said the West End risks becoming "just another upmarket boutique".

The Society of London Theatre trade association has defended the prices.

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NOEL WRITE GUY FOR CITY SHIRTS

■ by DOMINIK LEMANSKI

NOEL Gallagher's handwriting will feature on a range of Manchester City's 2024/25 shirts.

The Oasis singer and lifelong City fan, 57, recently wrote out every name and number in Pep Guardiola's Premier League winning squad.

And City bosses have confirmed the star's scribbles will appear on shirts worn by the men's first team in every Champions League, FA Cup and Carabao Cup game next season.

But not everyone is keen on his handiwork.

One X user posted it "looks ridiculous", while another wrote: "Did they get him to write the alphabet after a heavy sesh?"

TOPS: Gallagher

Rubbish ring find 'miracle'

A WOMAN hailed a "miracle" as eagle-eyed recycling centre staff recovered her ring in tons of rubbish.

Francesca Duffy's sliver ring slipped off her finger as she dropped off garden clippings and branches.

Veolia staff told her to return the next day – and to her amazement she found it had been retrieved.

Francesca, of Shrewsbury, Shrops, said: "I was amazed I'd got it back. What are the chances?"

Revvy of beauties

■ by JAMES PODESTA

★ AUCTIONEER Henry Biss shows off a rare 1927 edition Indian speedway motorbike worth £100,000.

The model, raced in the USA, is part of a £1million auction.

★ Owner Ian Paterson has collected 110 speedway bikes – the world's largest haul – as well as more than 400 race vests, helmets, trophies and other memorabilia.

★ The former Edinburgh Bandits racer's collection goes under the hammer at HJ Pugh & Co, in Ledbury, Herefordshire, next month.

Pictures: MAX WILLCOCK/BNPS

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JEFF IN NIGHT OF STELL-AR GOSSIP

■ by WILL SCHOFIELD

JEFF Stelling is set to entertain fans at a string of An Evening With... nights.

The Soccer Saturday legend, 69, will be joined by former TV colleagues including Paul Merson, Charlie Nicholas and host Bianca Westwood.

He will share anecdotes from his decades working alongside football icons such as George Best, David Beckham and Roy Keane. The tour starts at the Apex in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, on October 9.

He will appear in cities including Glasgow, Newcastle, Manchester and Liverpool before ending at the London Palladium on March 10.

Audiences will also be able to quiz Stelling on his 30-plus year career.

GUESTS: Star

Delays after rail spillage

A MAJOR train route was closed yesterday after a chemical spill.

The early-morning incident was near Crewe, a key station on the West Coast Main Line that links London and Scotland, National Rail Enquiries said.

Lines were blocked and some services subject to delay or cancellation.

Services were resumed around 7.30am following a track safety inspection.

AN OFFICER AND A

Gere u 1980s

Debra Winger

WHILE they showed off their acting chops as a sensual couple, it was said that Debra and Richard did not get on off screen, with her calling him a "brick wall".

Co-star Louis Gossett Jr wrote in his autobiography: "Once the camera was off, they couldn't have stayed further apart."

Producer Don Simpson is reported to have told Debra initially she was "not f***able enough" to play the part of Paula and she was given water tablets by a crew member for looking "puffy".

Winger said of the film: "The making of it was treacherous."

Despite Oscar nominations for Terms Of Endearment and Shadowlands, she took a break from acting.

Then Rosanne Arquette released 2002 documentary Searching For Debra Winger and she joined Rachel's Getting Married as Anne Hathaway's mum before teaching at Harvard University.

She has two sons with actors Timothy Hutton and husband Arliss Howard, right.

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GENTLEMAN IS BACK WITH TOP GUN MILES

p for this reboot..

HE made his big screen mark in Top Gun: Maverick as Bradley "Rooster" Bradshaw – son of Tom Cruise character Maverick's best pal Goose – and now Miles Teller is to step into another iconic role.

The star will play navy officer Zack Mayo in a remake of An Officer And A Gentleman, following in the footsteps of Richard Gere.

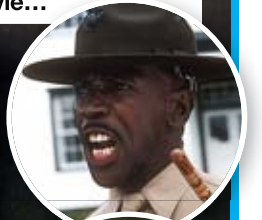
Here **KIM CARR** takes a uniformed approach into investigating what happened to the cast of the 80s romantic drama movie…

Louis Gossett Jr

HIS turn as Sergeant Emil Foley in An Officer And A Gentleman earned him an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor

And the roles continued to come, including Jaws 3-D, Marvel's The Punisher and Boardwalk Empire.

Louis was married three times, fathered a son and adopted another.

After winning a prostate cancer battle in 2010, he died in March this year from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease at the age of 87.

Lisa Blount

SHE had a Golden Globe New Star of the Year nomination as Lynette Pomeroy in An Officer And A Gentleman but returned to San Francisco State University to earn a theatre arts degree. Lisa starred in 1987 release Hair and cult horror Prince Of Darkness in 2001.

She died in 2010 at age 53, with her mum blaming blood-clotting problems.

Robert Loggia

AFTER playing Byron Mayo, he went on to win a Saturn Award for Best Supporting Actor in Big, playing Freddie MacMillian – the toy maker boss of Tom Hanks' character Josh.

More big roles came in The Little House On the Prairie, Magnum PI, The Sopranos, Scarface and Independence Day with Will Smith.

Married twice, Robert had three kids with his first wife Marjorie Sloan. He died from Alzheimer's in 2015, aged 85.

chard Gere

TER getting hearts beating at ht of him in his naval uniform as k, Richard became one of the ding men of his generation. ent on to deliver another classic nance in Pretty Woman alongside erts, left, and won a Golden Globe turn as Billy Flynn in Chicago. reen, Gere wed supermodel Crawford before they split years later. Marriage to Carey Lowell resulted in first son, Homer. He also as two sons with activist wife Alejandra Silva, right.

David Keith

FOLLOWING his turn as Sid Worley, the actor picked up two Golden Globe nominations and went on to work with Drew Barrymore on Firestarter, with Brooke Shields on Running Wild and Matthew McConaughey in U-571. In 1988's Heartbreak Hotel, David played Elvis. He also starred in TV's Hawaii Five-O. He has two children with ex-wife Nancy Clark.

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ACTING LEGEND: McKellen

Get well soon after your stage fall Sir Ian

Sir Ian McKellen, playing Falstaff, falling off the stage. I'd say it was written in the stars. You should be careful at your age, but get well soon. **LAURENCE**

if you have been effected by anything in this program, please call the number below, this irritating statement seems to follow nearly every program on the box these days, now granted if it follows a party political broadcast from any of the parties, then the effect would be f#####????###t or something like that, but many of the tv shows that have this are just run of the mill dramas, have we become so unbalanced that we need to talk to someone after eastenders? **john challenger**

Oh no, they've started {again} to repeat the very early shows of Bullseye on freeview channel 48 at 2300 and they're absolute rubbish. Surely they must know that the majority of people don't like them. I'm not a Jim Bowen fan and on these early shows {which I don't watch} he seems out of his depth. **Geo, Durham**

re euros & all other internationals, is anyone else ****Ed off with fans still taking the union flag !!!!!! It's England playing. **Mike H**

..so we've found out all we need to know about AI... it has picked the greatest England X1 ever and suggested Ashley Cole was a better left back than STUART PEARCE..what a joke.. NFFC 4EVA. **TETS**

What a joke Man U are trying to get branthwaite for half price. He wud be a fool to go to that club and stay at a club who have nurtured him into a star player. COYB. **TP Wallasey**

Photo of Jill Halfpenny please. *Kenny, Carlisle*

You cannot deny Garage is a charmer

The BBC is going to allow Reform UK to take part in a Question Time Leaders' debate on 28 June. This coincides with Nigel Farage being named as the UK's sexiest politician by female voters. Whether people agree with Nigel Farage or not, there is no doubt that he has more charisma than both Rishi Sunak and Keir Starmer put together! **Dave Pinfold, Stockport**

I see that, Nigel Farage, already has a perfect excuse if his Reform party flop at the general election. He is going to blame the company engaged to vet his candidates who as we know contain some rather unsavoury individuals. Apparently, Farage claims the boss of the vetting company has links to the Tories. Hilarious, why didn't he vet the vetting company before he signed the contract? **Robert Boston**

Polly titan! Your right regarding farage/took!! Also sunak/blair share the same voicebox, and neither of those two funny! **Mjb**

so Mr Barton is going to be 73k+ lighter in the pocket for his claims against Mr J Vine good on Mr Vine it's about time Mr Barton got his comeuppance I hope it will give a certain ex lady footballer food for thought next time he spouts off about her ability as not only a pundit but a footballer as well. **Dave g**

Rishi SUNAK zigzagging the country begs the question Where are the rest of the cabinet? rather like the famous Victoria Wood sketch greased up preparing for a 21-mile channel swim and her parents asked are they supporting her saying 'no it's our day for bingo' TORIES SOME too with far more pressing matters it seems. **Brian Linford Pontefract**

There are lies, damn lies, and there are statistics. Sunak is bragging that inflation is down to 2%. No it isn't. My barometer of 3 items, of eggs, bread and milk costs me 5£ these days, whereas 2 years ago cost one pound each. That is a rise of 66%, and no sign of coming down any time soon. **Dave from Coppull**

For many years, now, the odious British political establishment has been taking the immensely wise and decent British people, for idiots, and it has to stop. **Lee J Whitehouse, Rushall, West Midlands**.

JOKE OF THE DAY

Me grandad thought alcohol was the answer to everything. He didn't drink at all – he was just crap at quizzes! *Fran Mcmahon Liverpool*

our nhs in a state of crisis our rivers are polluted with raw sewage cost of living is biting hard record of number of pot holes in roads pubs closing every day we need the tories out. **wild bill**

The recent news in the papers is that the Voyager 1 spacecraft is back in action after some mechanical problems. What amuses me is that it is now sending back messages from 24 billion kilometers away in 22.5 hours, less than a day so why does it take more than a week for a letter to go across a city? Scientists can solve big problems but who can solve my small problems? **Dennis Fitzgerald**

if you take £2 out of atm that has a £2.50 fee do you owe the machine money! **Tony worksop**

shrink flation is unreal. A chocolate orange should be rebranded as a chocolate tangerine. **stocky shell**

Pavlov and his dog walk into a bar. The barman says, 'I've just rang for last orders!' **Andy Rimmer Preston**

Sabrina Carpenter looked very yummy in that England shirt. **AMOROUS ANN**

Just been playing chess online, used socks as pawns, boxers for Castles----etc. **The Nige Pompey**.

Gt Yarmouth market place has lots of gulls. Never seen a gull steal off the people, "because they share" their chips with them, visited lots of times. **EBG**

I was in Rome last week, went to see the Spanish steps ! Worst tribute band ever ! **Francis**

SNAP HAPPY

Pic of a peacock butterfly

SEND us your photos of anything you like – It can be you with a top celeb, some funny looking food, a fantastic view, or maybe your artistic side is coming out? Email with details of what's going on in the pic, who you are and where you're from.

This is me with Smartie my pony. *Jill*

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TALENT JUDGE: Tonioli

Bruno's staying

BRUNO Tonioli is confident he won't be axed from **Britain's Got Talent** – despite reports ITV bosses want to get rid of him.

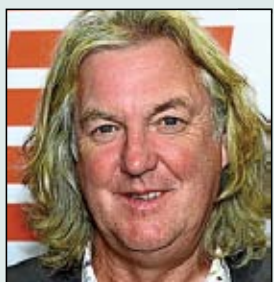
He said: "Of course I'll stay. I'm sure you will see me on the show next year."

Insiders have claimed Bruno is likely to be replaced for next year's series by comedian Alan Carr.

But he insists he is in the dark over any plans for anyone to take his spot.

Bruno said: "I'm not sure. I really have no idea. No idea."

Filming on the new series kicks off in October.

THE Traitors stars Paul Gorton and Harry Clark have signed up to compete on BBC series Celebrity Antiques Road Trip.

SOLUTIONS: James

May be bit Dull..

JAMES May is making a show about life's conundrums.

The former **Top Gear** star will be teaming up with global organisation the Dull Men's Club in a bid to solve them.

A show insider said: "Each episode will explore questions the team wants to travel, including why your washing machine can't double up as a cooker allowing you to make a casserole at the same time as cleaning your whites."

The eight-part series is being made for Discovery+.

GOOD COOKING: Christine, Charlotte and Danielle

It's gettin' hot in the tasty celeb kitchen

DISHY MASTERCHEF LINE-UP REVEAL

CELEBRITY MasterChef has cooked up its most sizzling line-up ever.

Bosses have secured a string of names to make this year's series the hottest yet.

The line-up includes a raft of lookers including lingerie model Christine McGuinness, **Love Island** beauty Chloe Burrows, **Geordie Shore** legend Charlotte Crosby, **Strictly** star Emma Thynn, ex-EastEnder Danielle Harold and radio DJ Snoochie Shy.

There will be plenty of male eye candy too with **This Morning** presenter Craig Doyle, Gladiator Nitro, real name Harry Aikines-Aryeetey, Strictly pro dancer Vito Coppola and singer Jake Quickenden.

A show insider said: "This series isn't short on sex appeal. Most of the celebs are very hot indeed."

Completing the line-up are movie hardman Tamer Hassan, **The Traitors** contestant Diane Carson, **Glow Up** judge Dominic Skinner, presenter Edith Bowman, actor Eshaan Akbar, Steps singer Ian "H" Watkins, comic Jamie MacDonald, Sugababe Mutya Buena, radio host OJ Borg and actress Rochenda Sandall.

Judges Gregg Wallace and John Torode will be putting them all through their paces on the new series, which will air this summer on BBC One.

That will include asking them to tackle the show's Under The Cloche challenge, deliver a two-course dinner party menu and attempt a new pizza round.

Bosses are promising the cooking will be the best yet.

Sarah Clay, commissioning editor for the BBC, said: "The standard of this competition gets higher every year, so expect lots of laughs and some fierce rivalry as we're set for some of the hardest challenges yet.

"These celebs are a brave brunch and are taking us on a brilliant ride – all in the trusty hands of our distinguished judges John and Gregg."

THE Last Leg is set to return for an election special, which will air on July 5 on Channel 4.

STRONG FLAVOUR: Harry and Craig

LOUIE Spence has signed for Channel 4 show **Celebrity SAS: Who Dares Wins.** The dancer will be competing against stars including former **X Factor** singer Lucy Spraggan and **Love Island** star Tasha Ghouri.

Turn back a page for today's HOT TV news

All programmes are listed in British Summer Time (BST).

film ratings
★★★★★ Brilliant
★★★★ Very Good
★★★ Good
★★ Average
★ Bad
(R) Repeat

BBC One

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
9.30 Morning Live Magazine.
10.45 Scam Interceptors A woman is asked to give hundreds of pounds to scammers.
11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Semi-detached houses in Stoke, Wirral and Gillingham.
12.15pm Bargain Hunt (R)
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
1.35 Regional News; Weather
1.45 BBC News at One; Weather
2.00 Hope Street Aidan Hunter is bemused when Finn takes an interest in the theft of his boat.
2.45 Animal Park (R)
3.15 Escape to the Country Steve Brown helps a couple who are looking for a retirement property in the Lake District.
4.00 LIVE **MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024** Denmark v England (kick-off 5.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the Group C match from Frankfurt Arena, as the two sides meet for the first time since their semi-final battle at Euro 2020. With commentary by Guy Mowbray and Alan Shearer.

BBC Two

6.30am Scam Interceptors (R)
7.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure Puerto Plata. (R)
8.00 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World From Birmingham. (R)
9.00 BBC News Headlines.
12.15pm Politics Live The latest stories from Westminster.
1.00 LIVE **Tennis: Queen's** The cinch Championships. Clare Balding presents coverage of day four of the men's grass-court tournament at Queen's Club, featuring matches from the second round. British wild card Ryan Peniston was eliminated at this stage last year, losing 6-3, 6-4 to second seed Holger Rune.
6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Jasmine Harman, Dave Johns, Suzannah Lipscomb and Jason Mohammad. (R)
6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes The actor is joined by his uncle Matheson Green and nephew Daymon Britton, heading to Rothbury in Northumberland to sample a guided bird-watching walk. (R)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain
9.00 Lorraine Entertainment news.
10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion.
12.30pm ITV News; Weather
12.50 Regional News; Weather
1.00 LIVE **UEFA Euro 2024** Slovenia v Serbia (kick-off 2.00pm). Laura Woods presents coverage of the Group C match from Munich Football Arena. This will be only the fifth meeting between the two countries, with both sides winning one of the previous four clashes.
4.15 LIVE **ITV Racing: Royal Ascot** Francesca Cumani and Ed Chamberlin present further coverage of the third day of the meeting, including feature the 4.25 Gold Cup, plus races at 5.05 and 5.40. Coverage continues on ITV4.
6.00 Regional News; Weather
6.20 Party Election Broadcast By the Reform UK.
6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather

Channel 4

6.25am Cheers Double bill. (R)
7.15 Everybody Loves Raymond Four episodes. (R)
9.05 Frasier Four episodes. (R)
11.05 Great Canal Journeys (R)
12.05pm Channel 4 News
12.10 Help! We Bought a Village (R)
1.10 Car S.O.S Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw secretly restore an Aston Martin DB6. (R)
2.10 Countdown With Greg Rusedski joining Susie Dent.
3.00 A Place in the Sun Double bill. Lee Juggurnauth shows a couple five properties on Crete; Lee Juggurnauth helps a couple find a home on Spain's Costa Blanca. (R)
5.00 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses Gordon and Debbie from Liverpool want to enjoy their retirement in a Spanish home-from-home.
6.00 Four in a Bed Katie and Rosie host at Isabella's Yard in Stamford, Lincolnshire. (R)
6.30 The Simpsons Bart goes cycling with Marge on her new tandem, only to be laughed at by local bullies. (R)

Channel 5

6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.
11.15 Storm Huntley Debate on the day's talking points continues.
12.45pm Friends Double bill. Monica prepares a Valentine's Day surprise; Joey confesses his feelings to Rachel. (R)
1.40 5 News at Lunchtime
1.45 Home and Away Felicity crashes Harper and Tane's post-workout meal. (R)
2.20 FILM **Set Up By My Lover** (2021, PG) A woman's life turns into a living nightmare when she becomes the prime suspect in her boss's murder. Drama, with Camille Stopps and Anthony Grant. ★★
4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun In Benidorm, familiar faces and new characters live the dream in the Costa sun. (R)
5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.
6.00 Party Election Broadcast By the Scottish National Party.
6.05 Police Interceptors Officers bust a large-scale cannabis farm and police chase a stolen Renault. (R); 5 News Update

BBC One (evening)

7.30 BBC News at Six A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's sports stories and weather reports.
7.45 Regional News; Weather
8.00 Question Time Leaders' Special Fiona Bruce presents a two-hour leaders' special from York, with the Conservative Party's Rishi Sunak, Keir Starmer of the Labour Party, the Liberal Democrats' Ed Davey and John Swinney of the Scottish National Party answering questions from the studio audience for 30 minutes each. Previous debates have been bad tempered, but will the format mean we are in for a more civilised discussion as they make their cases?
10.00 BBC News at Ten
10.30 Regional News; Weather
10.40 The Outlaws Ben finds himself in a tough spot with Rani and he is left with a difficult choice when old feelings are rekindled. The other outlaws must fight personal battles and tie up emotional loose ends.
11.40 Newscast BBC journalists including Laura Kuenssberg, Adam Fleming and Chris Mason host a weekly round-up of events from the General Election campaign.
12.10am Rebus. In the wake of a horrific attack, John faces difficult questions from Gill Templer and Malcolm Fox about his dealings with both Cafferty and Michael. (R) **12.55** Euro 2024 Match Replay. Denmark v England. **2.35** Weather for the Week Ahead **2.40-6.00am** BBC News

BBC Two (evening)

7.00 The One Show Alex Jones and Vernon Kay present the live magazine show.
7.30 EastEnders The residents of Walford learn the money from Lola's fundraiser has been stolen and Phil reveals to Albie that he is his dad.
8.00 Inside the Factory XL: Diggers Gregg Wallace and Cherry Healey get special access to the JCB factory in Rocester in Staffordshire, where as many as a hundred iconic yellow diggers are made every single day. (R)
9.00 The Stormtrooper Scandal Based on Star Wars universe, Art Wars was a collection of over 1,100 Stormtrooper helmets, bearing customised designs by some of the world's biggest artists, from Jake and Dinos Chapman to Anish Kapoor and Damien Hirst. But the helmets were only available online as NFTs, or non-fungible tokens. This is the story of London art curator Ben Moore and the sale of those controversial helmets.
10.30 Newsnight Headline analysis presented by Kirsty Wark.
11.05 MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights Alex Scott presents the latest action from Germany, featuring Denmark v England at Frankfurt Arena, Slovenia v Serbia at Munich Football Arena, and Spain v Italy at Arena AufSchalke.
12.05am Sign Zone: Springwatch. Chris Packham and Michaela Strachan introduce a medley of live nests at RSPB Arne. (R) **1.05** Sign Zone: Doctor Who (R) **1.50** Sign Zone: Lost Boys and Fairies (R) **2.50** Sign Zone: On Thin Ice: Putin vs Greenpeace (R) **3.20-6.15am** This Is BBC Two

ITV1 (evening)

7.15 LIVE **UEFA Euro 2024** Spain v Italy (Kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the Group B match from Arena AufSchalke in Gelsenkirchen, as both sides play their second group game of the campaign. These two teams faced each other in the semi-finals of Euro 2020, as Italy came out on top to reach the final thanks to a 4-2 penalty shootout win after the game ended 1-1. Former Chelsea striker Alvaro Morata cancelled out Federico Chiesa's goal to take the game to extra-time, before Arsenal's Jorginho scored the crucial penalty for Italy to set up a showpiece final against England. Both teams have made winning starts this time around, with Spain impressing in a 3-0 victory over Croatia, and Italy having to work somewhat harder in coming back from behind to eventually prevail 2-1 against Albania. Mark Pougatch presents, with analysis from Ian Wright, Roy Keane and Gary Neville, and commentary by Clive Tyldesley and Ally McCoist.
10.30 ITV News; Weather
11.00 Regional News; Weather
11.15 Emergency Nurses: A&E Stories The emergency nurses are faced with severed arteries, dislocated joints, numerous broken bones and a rather large bump in children's emergency department. (R)
12.15am Made in Britain. Meet the team pumping out paint and luxury wallpaper for the most discerning of DIYers. (R) **12.45** Shop on TV **3.00** Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace (R) **3.50** Unwind with ITV **5.05-6.00am** Katie Piper's Breakfast Show. With Danny Wallace and Al Murray. (R)

Channel 4 (evening)

7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of all the latest headlines, interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading stories and weather.
7.55 Party Election Broadcast By Plaid Cymru.
8.00 The Supervet: Noel Fitzpatrick A 'puppy special' of the Documentary recalling the amazing stories of some of the youngest, fluffiest animals for whom Noel has provided life-saving treatment since The Supervet began.
9.00 NEW **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces** George has the idea of turning a rusty scissor lift into a cabin in the sky and starts his Denmark trip with a visit to a modern take on the old Viking longhouse.
10.00 NEW **Outrageous Homes** Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen celebrates great British visionaries, eccentrics and proud-to-be-different homeowners. He begins by meeting Dawn, whose home was owned by Felix Dennis.
11.05 Celebrity Gogglebox The famous faces watch The Piano, Bridgerton, Celebrity Bridge of Lies, The Sky at Night, UK's Strongest Man 2024, The World's Most Luxurious Retirement Homes and Scam Interceptors. (R)
12.05am 24 Hours in A&E (R) **1.00** Super Surgeons: A Chance at Life (R) **1.55** Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back (R) **2.40** The Simpsons (R) **3.05** FILM Ladies Only (2021, 12) Documentary. ★★★ **4.30** Grand Designs Australia (R) **5.20** Frasier (R) **5.45-6.25am** Countdown (R)

Channel 5 (evening)

7.00 Escape to the Farm with Kate Humble The presenter takes a trip to the Scottish Highlands to see how deer are managed there, and how the animals can be used to produce healthy wild venison; 5 News Update
8.00 Happy Campers: The Caravan Park The British weather is reminding guests of what a gamble a staycation can sometimes be. For newly arrived campers, putting up their tent in high winds and lashing rain is not ideal.
9.00 Cold Call With nowhere else to turn and tensions rising, June and Kirk are both pushed to breaking point. Conclusion of the drama about a woman who falls victim to fraud, starring Sally Lindsay and Paul Higgins. Last in series. (R)
10.00 HMP Full Sutton: Evil Behind Bars Documentary exploring life inside HMP Full Sutton, a men's high security prison in the East Riding of Yorkshire which has been home to some of Britain's most notorious criminals. (R)
11.25 FILM **Godzilla: King of the Monsters** (2019, 12) The Monarch agency face off against an army of creatures, including Godzilla, Mothra, Rodan and King Ghidorah. Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Vera Farmiga. ★★★
1.45am PlayOJO Live Casino Show **3.45** Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up. Mark and Virgil have a High Court writ to enforce at a fast-food restaurant. (R) **4.35** Britain by Bike with Larry & George Lamb. On the Pembrokeshire coast. (R) **5.25** Nick's Quest (R) **5.50-6.00am** Entertainment News on 5 (R)

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6.00am CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00noon** Dress to Impress **1.00** Deal or No Deal **2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Veronica Mars **4.00** Dawson's Creek **5.00** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep

6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase With Nicola Coughlan and Toyah Willcox.

7.00 Deal or No Deal Gameshow.

8.00 The Masked Singer US Three new mystery celebrities enter the game on DC Superheroes Night.

9.00 Love Island Things heat up as the islanders keep their eyes on the prize.

10.05 Tell Me Everything Jonny is on top of the world, but an exam triggers a setback he didn't see coming.

11.05 Family Guy Double bill.

12.05am American Dad! **1.10** Celebrity Karaoke Club **2.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.40** Unwind with ITV **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** Yianni: Supercar Customiser **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK **9.00** James May on the Moon **10.00** Top Gear **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK **2.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Chicken and Egg

6.00 Rick Stein's Secret France The chef concludes his tour with trips to the Languedoc and Provence.

7.00 Would I Lie to You? With Danny Dyer, Jon Richardson and Joe Lycett.

7.40 Richard Osman's House of Games

9.00 QI XL With Andy Hamilton, Rich Hall, Phill Jupitus and Alan Davies.

10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You

11.00 Taskmaster With Lou Sanders, Sian Gibson, Paul Sinha and Joe Thomas.

12.00m't Mock the Week **12.40** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.40** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.45** Live at the Apollo **3.30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

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6.00am Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Modern Family **12.00noon** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill

6.00 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.

7.00 Hollyoaks Abe praises Theresa.

7.30 Come Dine with Me Taxi driver Jamie serves up a fine menu in Edinburgh.

8.00 Dance Moms Melissa reveals that she will do anything to get her daughter back on top. Plus, Kelly angers Abby.

9.00 Gogglebox Opinions on shows including Crufts, and This Is Going to Hurt.

10.00 Naked Attraction Dating show.

11.05 First Dates A pilot finds it difficult to let her guard down in the restaurant.

12.05am The Big Bang Theory **1.05** Rick and Morty **1.35** Smiling Friends **2.10** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.00** Dance Moms **3.50-4.40am** Modern Family

Telly movies

THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI ★★★★★ (1957) Film4, 1.15pm David Lean's classic Second World War drama follows a stiff-upper-lipped British officer (Alec Guinness), who is being held as a PoW. When his captors insist he and his men build a bridge to facilitate a railway line, the officer becomes obsessed with doing as good a job as possible, seeing it as a testament to British pluck. Impeccable and riveting, this is one of the best wartime epics ever made.

GODZILLA: KING OF THE MONSTERS ★★★★ (2016) Channel 5, 11.25pm Paleobotanist Emma (Vera Farmiga) and her daughter Madison (Millie Bobby Brown), who supports her mother's work for "secret monster-hunting" consortium Monarch in the Yunnan rainforest in China, are taken hostage, forcing Emma to rouse a giant beast christened Mothra with her sonar wave Orca device.

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6.00am Breakfast with Stephen and Ellie **9.30** Britain's Newsroom **12.00noon** Good Afternoon Britain **3.00** Martin Daubney. Updates.

6.00 Dewbs & Co Plain-speaking, straight-talking – Michelle Dewberry delivers her take on the day's news.

7.00 Vote 2024: The People Decide All the twists and turns as parties try to win the keys to Number 10.

8.00 State of the Nation The countdown to election day is on.

9.00 Patrick Christys Tonight Two hours of discussion and debate.

11.00 Headliners An all-star comedy cast take an intelligent and insightful look at tomorrow's headlines. With Simon Evans and Dominic Frisby.

12.00m't Vote 2024: The People Decide **1.00** State of the Nation **2.00** Headliners Replay **3.00** Patrick Christys Tonight Replay **5.00-6.00am** Headliners Replay

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8.55am A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **12.30pm** Come Dine with Me **3.10** Four in a Bed: five episodes **5.50** Chateau DIY

6.55 Car S.O.S The boys take on a 1963 Citroen HY Van for a family whose lives were torn apart by the Manchester arena suicide bombing in 2017.

7.55 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud follows the progress of Nathan and Amye as they build a giant cathedral-like property modelled on Dutch barn-style houses, but with a contemporary twist.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E A 51-year-old is brought to resus after coming off his bike.

10.00 Rescue: Extreme Medics The air ambulance is dispatched to two serious road traffic collisions.

11.05 24 Hours in A&E Three boys are admitted for very different reasons.

12.05am 999: On the Front Line **1.10** Rescue: Extreme Medics **2.15** 24 Hours in A&E **3.20-3.45am** A Place in the Sun

HotTV CHOICE With Mike Ward

There's a bloke on Channel 4 tonight who shares his house with fish.

That's fish with a lowercase F, please note, not the Fish who sang Kayleigh with Marillion.

So why is this guy on the telly, you're wondering? It's not as though keeping fish is particularly unusual.

Since you ask, it's because he has a lot more fish than the average fish fan. At the last count, he reckoned he had more than 250. Which is why his house also contains six enormous aquariums – and also why it's among the places featured on a brand new series called **OUTRAGEOUS HOMES**, presented by Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen.

Now, Laurence, as you may be aware, has been a big fan of over-the-topness, decor-wise, for some decades.

So what he's doing in this series is visiting places where the owners have taken that attitude to extremes. Along with the fish fella, in this opening episode he also visits a place in Manchester where every room is decked out in Seventies gear, plus a semi in Surrey where pretty much everything is upcycled.

There's also a property once owned by a famous publisher who decided to give it a Treasure Island theme – and whose current owner has taken that idea and run with it.

So, yes, it's all pretty mind-blowing stuff.

Not only that, but before Outrageous Homes there's the first in a new series of **AMAZING SPACES WITH GEORGE CLARKE** (9pm, Channel 4).

Which means we'll be getting an hour of amazingness, followed by an hour of outrageousness.

By 11 pm, we'll be knackered.

Follow Mike on Twitter @mikewardontv

Variations & S4C

WALES As BBC1 except: 1.35-1.45pm BBC Wales Today; Weather **7.45-8.00** BBC Wales Today. The latest headlines; Weather **10.30-10.40pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather

MERIDIAN As ITV1 except: 12.50-1.00pm ITV News Meridian **6.00-6.20** ITV News Meridian **11.00-11.15pm** ITV News Meridian

CENTRAL As ITV1 except: 12.50-1.00pm ITV News Central **6.00-6.20** ITV News Central. Reports. **11.00-11.15pm** ITV News Central

ITV WALES As ITV1 except: 12.50-1.00pm ITV News Cymru Wales **6.00** ITV News Wales at Six. The latest headlines. **6.20-6.30** Party Election Broadcast. By the Welsh Green Party. **11.00-11.15pm** ITV News Cymru Wales

WEST As ITV1 except: 12.50-1.00pm ITV News West Country **6.00-6.20** ITV News West Country. The latest headlines. **11.00-11.15pm** ITV News West Country. The latest reports.

ANGLIA As ITV1 except: 12.50-1.00pm ITV News Anglia **6.00-6.20** ITV News Anglia **11.00-11.15pm** ITV News Anglia

WESTCOUNTRY As ITV1 except: 12.50-1.00pm ITV News West Country. Headlines. **6.00-6.20** ITV News West Country **11.00-11.15pm** ITV News West Country

S4C 6.00am Cyw **12.00noon** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Bois y Rhondda **12.30** Heno **1.00** Ein Llwybrau Celtaidd **1.30** Cerys Matthews a'r Goeden Faled **2.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **3.05** Cynefin **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh **6.00** Dan Do. Properties in Llanelli, Abergavenny and Anglesey. **6.30** Arfordir Cymru: Bae Ceredigion. Bedwyr Rees journeys from the River Mawddach to Machynlleth. **6.57** Newyddion S4C **7.00** Heno. Magazine. **7.30** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **8.00** Pobol y Cwm. Rhys is inconsolable after catching Ffion and Mathew kissing. **8.25** Rownd a Rownd. Iolo executes the next part of his cunning plan. **8.55** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **9.00** Am Dro! Walks with Alwyn Humphreys, Sue Roderick, Emma Jenkins and Owain Wyn Evans. **10.00** Y Llinell Las. The officers deal with incidents involving county line drugs and knife threats. **11.00** Grid. The daily challenges facing a young autistic person from north Wales. **11.15-11.50pm** Cais Quinnell. Scott Quinnell tries out various new and interesting activities.

Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am SSN Euro Report **7.00** Good Morning Euros. Round-up of the all the news.
10.00 LIVE **Tennis** The Berlin Ladies Open.
3.00pm LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** Afghanistan v India. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Kensington Oval in Bridgetown.
7.00 LIVE **Vitality T20 Blast Cricket** Yorkshire Vikings v Lancashire Lightning. Coverage of the North Group match from Headingley, Leeds.
10.30 LIVE **PGA Tour Golf** The Travelers Championship. Coverage of day one of the tournament from TPC River Highlands in Connecticut, as Keegan Bradley looks to defend the title he won last year. The American was victorious in 2023 after finishing three strokes clear of Zan Blair and Brian Harman.
11.00 LIVE **Women's PGA Championship** The KPMG Women's PGA Championship.
3.00am LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** Australia v Bangladesh. The Super Eight match.
5.30-6.00am SSN Euro Report. Updates.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am ICC Men's T20 World Cup **1.40pm** Best of ICC WT20 **2.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup
3.00 LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** Afghanistan v India. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Kensington Oval in Bridgetown, Barbados.
7.00 LIVE **Vitality T20 Blast Cricket** Yorkshire Vikings v Lancashire Lightning. Coverage of the North Group match from Headingley, Leeds. This meeting last year saw the Vikings come out on top with a 15-run victory against their Roses rivals. Dawid Malan hit 83 for Yorkshire as they made 195-6, before Lancashire could only make 180-8 in their reply as their stellar batting line-up couldn't chase down their target.
10.30 ICC Men's T20 World Cup **11.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup. New Zealand v West Indies.
12.00m't ICC Men's T20 World Cup
1.00 LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** Australia v Bangladesh. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in North Sound.
5.30-6.00am Best of ICC WT20. Highlights.

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am EFL **7.00** EFL Rivalries **8.30** EFL **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro
12.00noon EFL Greatest Games **1.00** EFL Cup Highlights **2.00** EFL **5.00** EFL Greatest Games **7.00** EFL Cup Retro **8.00** EFL **9.00** EFL **10.00** EFL **11.00** Championship Season Review
12.00m't SPFL Greatest Games **2.00** There's Only One Sauzee **2.30** Craig Brown: My Scotland **3.00** SPFL Special: Celtic's Invincibles **4.00** 1983: When Aberdeen Ruled Europe **5.00** Dundee United – Champions 83 **5.30-6.00am** Old Firm Derby Best Goals

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am UEFA Champions League **9.00** UEFA Europa League **1.00pm** UEFA Champions League **4.00** MLB Highlights **5.00** NBA Action **5.30** MLB: Off the Bat. A round-up of action.
6.00 LIVE **MLB** Tampa Bay Rays v Minnesota Twins (Start time 6.10pm). From Target Field.
9.15 TNT Sports Reload **9.30** What Went Down **10.00** UFC: The Ultimate Fighter **11.00** Rio Ferdinand Meets **11.15** UFC Main Event
12.15am UFC Fight Flashback **12.45** Fight Inc: Inside the UFC **3.45** UFC: The Ultimate Fighter **4.45** TNT Sports Goals Reload **5.00-6.00am** TNT Sports Goals Reload

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am Premier League Legends **7.00** Premier League Stories **7.30** Ultimate Pool **11.30** European Rally Championship Highlights
12.00noon EuroCup Basketball **5.00** WWE Friday Night SmackDown. Action from OVO Hydro in Glasgow. **6.30** WWE Monday Night Raw
9.00 LIVE **MLB** New York Yankees v Baltimore Orioles (Start time 9.05pm). At Yankee Stadium.
12.15am MLB: Off the Bat. A round-up of action. **12.45** Badminton **2.45** Badminton Weekly **3.00-6.00am** MotoGP Classics

EUROSPORT 1

6.00am Bennetts British Superbikes Extra **7.00** European Fencing Championships **8.00** Olympic Games: Chasing Glory **9.00** Mountain Biking **10.55** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland **11.50** Cycling: U23 Giro d'Italia
12.50pm LIVE **Cycling: French Road Championships** The women's time-trial.
2.15 Olympic Games: The Power of the Olympics
2.45 LIVE **Cycling: French Road Championships** The men's time-trial from Saint-Martin-de-Landelles.
4.30 Triathlon **5.00** Cliff Diving. Round two.
6.00 LIVE **Powerlifting** The World Classic Championships. From Druskininkai, featuring the women's 69kg and men's 93kg disciplines.
9.00 Cycling: French Road Championships **10.00** Cycling: French Road Championships **11.00** Olympic Games: Breaking Life
12.00m't World Superbikes **1.00** European Fencing Championships **2.00** Cycling: French Road Championships **4.00** European Fencing Championships **5.00-6.00am** World Superbikes

BEST OF THE REST – LIVE SPORT

7.30-10.15pm LIVE **Betfred Super League** Castleford Tigers v Hull Kingston Rovers (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the match from Mend-A-Hose Jungle. (Sky Sports Action)

Entertainment & Factual

BBC THREE Freeview 23

7.00pm Top Gear **8.00** The Traitors US **9.00** FILM Only You (2019/15) ★★★ **10.55** Dreaming Whilst Black **11.50** Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens **12.50am** Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster **1.35** Catch Her If You Can **2.05** Dreaming Whilst Black **3.00** Press X to Continue **3.10-3.55am** Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster

BBC FOUR Freeview 9

7.00pm Great British Railway Journeys **7.30** Villages by the Sea **8.00** Tales of the Tardis **9.15** Talking Doctor Who **10.15** Eileen Atkins Remembers Mrs Dalloway **10.30** FILM Mrs Dalloway (1997/12) ★★★ **12.05am** Glastonbury: 50 Years and Counting **1.45** Great British Railway Journeys **2.15** Villages by the Sea **2.45-4.00am** Tales of the Tardis

5USA Freeview 21

9.00am NCIS **11.55** Entertainment News on 5 **12.00noon** Law & Order **6.00** NCIS **6.55** Entertainment News on 5 **7.00** NCIS **9.00** Blue Bloods **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **1.55am** The Blacklist **3.35-4.00am** 999: Criminals Caught on Camera

ITV3 Freeview 10

6.00am Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **10.25** The Royal **11.35** Heartbeat **1.40pm** Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.50** Inspector Morse **6.00** Heartbeat **8.00** Vera **10.00** Wire in the Blood **11.45pm-12.35am** The Royal

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am The Protectors **6.25** Minder **7.20** The Sweeney **8.20** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **9.30** ITV Racing: The Opening Show **10.35** UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights **11.35** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **12.45pm** River Monsters **1.15** British Touring Cars **1.30** LIVE ITV Racing: Royal Ascot **4.25** The Derby Through the Years **4.40** The Sweeney **5.50** LIVE ITV Racing: Royal Ascot **6.30** River Monsters **7.00** The Motorbike Show **8.00** Junk and Disorderly **9.00** The 1% Club **10.00** FILM Death Race (2008/15) ★★★ **12.10am** Minder **1.10** The Chase Celebrity Christmas Special **2.05** Auto Mundial **2.30-3.00am** Motorsport Mundial

REALLY Freeview 17

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** The Repair Shop **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **10.00** The Hotel Inspector **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00m't** Unexplained: Caught on Camera **1.00-2.00am** Paranormal: Caught on Camera

SKY ARTS Freeview 36

6.00am Arts Uncovered **6.15** Gods of the Game **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Bruce Willis **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** The South Bank Show **3.00** The Art Mysteries **4.00** Discovering: Michelle Pfeiffer **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected

Live Vitality T20 Blast Cricket
Sky Sports Main Event, 7pm
The North Group match between Yorkshire Vikings and Lancashire Lightning at Headingley. Can Shan Masood (left) lead the hosts to a victory over their Roses rivals?

7.00 Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir: Kids Special **8.00** Bill Bailey's Musical Master Crafters: Juniors **9.00** Discovering: Mel Gibson **10.00** Spike Milligan: The Unseen Archive **11.35** Decoding Turner **1.30am** FILM The Lost Leonardo (2021/15) ★★★ **3.10** A Play in a Day **4.10** Cheltenham Literature Festival **5.10-6.00am** Auction

GOLD

7.10am The Fosters **8.05** The Green Green Grass **9.20** My Hero **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.40** Still Open All Hours **11.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40pm** The Green Green Grass **1.20** My Hero **2.00** Still Open All Hours **2.40** Dad's Army **3.20** Are You Being Served? **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** Still Open All Hours **6.00** The Green Green Grass **6.40** Dad's Army **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.40** The Thin Blue Line **9.20** dinnerladies **10.00** The Royle Family **10.40** Bottom **11.20** The Office **12.00m't** Only Fools and Horses **12.40** The Thin Blue Line **1.20** dinnerladies **2.00** The Royle Family **2.30-3.15am** Bottom

YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.10am Classic Car Garage **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The World at War **11.00** World War Weird **12.00noon** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World at War **5.00** World War Weird **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Bangers & Cash. Derek goes to pick up a 1904 Swift. **8.00** Bangers & Cash: Restoring Classics **9.00** Bangers & Cash **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00m't** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Hornby: A Model World **2.00-3.00am** Secrets of the Transport Museum

ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries: double bill **9.00** The Coroner **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **7.00** Elementary **8.00** Father Brown **9.00** Murdoch Mysteries **10.00** Death in Paradise **11.20** Elementary **12.20am** CSI: Vegas **1.20** Unforgettable **2.25-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

SKY MAX

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T. **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** A Discovery of Witches **9.00** The Walking Dead: The Ones Who Live **10.00** A League of Their Own: Mexican Road Trip **11.00** The Walking Dead **12.00m't** S.W.A.T **1.00** Entourage **2.00** There's Something About Movies **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T. **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **7.55** Six Feet Under **10.05** Gomorrah: double bill **12.10pm** Game of Thrones **1.15** The Sopranos **3.20** Six Feet Under **5.30** Gomorrah **7.30** Game of Thrones **9.00** House of the Dragon. Return of the fantasy drama. **10.10** Band of Brothers **11.25** Succession **12.40am** Watchmen **1.50** Game of Thrones **3.25** In Treatment **4.00-6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

SKY WITNESS

6.00am Sun, Sea and A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** Highway Patrol **9.30** Caught Red Handed **11.00** Blue Bloods **12.00noon** New Amsterdam **1.00** 9-1-1 **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Caught Red Handed **4.30** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Blue Bloods **10.00** The Good Doctor **11.00** The Rookie **1.00am** Chicago Med **2.00** Chicago Fire **3.00-4.00am** Chicago PD

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **10.00** Sort Of **10.30** Veep **11.40** Entourage **12.50pm** High Maintenance **2.10** Veep **3.20** Ballers **4.30** Sort Of **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** The Conners **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Young Rock **10.00** Jerrod Carmichael Reality Show **11.10** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **12.10am** Sex and the City **1.20** And Just Like That **2.50** Random Acts of Flyness **3.30** High Maintenance **4.35-5.00am** Sort Of

DISCOVERY

6.00am How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Blowing Up History **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Texas Metal **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00pm** Barnwood Builders **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **6.00** Texas Metal **7.00** Bitchin' Rides **8.00** Garage Squad **9.00** Expedition From Hell: The Lost Tapes **10.00** Naked and Afraid XL **12.00m't** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **1.00** Expedition From Hell: The Lost Tapes **2.00** Naked and Afraid XL **4.00-5.00am** Moonshiners

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Food Factory **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Atlantis: Draining the Lost City **11.00** Airport Security: Colombia **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand **4.00** Seconds from Disaster **5.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Draining the Bermuda Triangle **9.00** Mystery of MH370: Drain the Oceans **10.00** Alaska: The Next Generation **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Situation Critical **1.00** Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive **2.00** Abandoned **2.30** Food Factory **3.20** Made in a Day **4.10-4.35am** Exotic Animal ER: Double Dose

Radio

BBC RADIO 1

97.6-99.8MHz 6.57am Newsbeat **7.00** Breakfast with Sam and Danni **10.30** Newsbeat **10.32** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Dean and Nat **3.00** Pop Anthems **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** New Music Show with Jack Saunders **8.00** Rave-Up with Arielle Free **10.00** BBC Introducing Dance **11.00** Radio 1's Residency **1.00am** Radio 1 Dance Presents **2.00** Turn It Up: A Short History of Drum & Bass **3.00** Radio 1's Chillout Anthems **4.00** Radio 1 Dance **5.00-6.33am** Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Maia Beth

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whiley **9.00** The Country Show with Bob Harris **10.00** DJ Spoony's Magnificent 7 **10.30** DJ Spoony's Rhythm Nation **12.00m't** OJ Borg **3.00** Sounds of the 90s with Fearne Cotton **4.00-6.30am** Wynne Evans

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **4.00** Composer of the Week: Dvorak **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert **9.45** The Essay: The Sounds of Tyne **10.00** Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

CHOICE

Rhysearch
Radio 4, 6.30pm
Comedian Rhys James is back for more light-hearted investigations, this latest five-part run beginning with the question 'Why Can't I Concentrate?' Gloria Mark guests as Rhys gets to the bottom of the reasons behind our declining attention span and asks whether there's anyway to reverse this trend.

BBC RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today **9.00** In Our Time **9.45** NatureBang **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** This Cultural Life **11.45** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.00noon** News **12.04** The Bottom Line **12.32** Sliced Bread **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Understand: The UK Election **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: Middle Men **3.00** Ramblings **3.27** Radio 4 Appeal **3.30** Feedback **4.00** The Briefing Room **4.30** BBC Inside Science **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** Rhysearch **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** The Media Show **9.00** Loose Ends **9.45** Empire of Tea **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Jensen: The Bellevue Poltergeist **11.00** The Today Podcast **11.30** Bonnie Bollywood: 25 Years of Indian Film-making in Scotland **12.00m't** News **12.30** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.20** Shipping **5.30** News **5.43** Prayer for the Day **5.45-6.00am** Farming Today

BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

693/909kHz 6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Adrian Chiles **1.00pm** 5 Live Sport **2.00** 5 Live Sport **4.00** 5 Live Sport **5.00** 5 Live Sport **7.00** 5 Live Sport **7.30** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport **10.30** 6-0-6 **11.30** Johnny I'Anson **12.00m't** Gordon Smart: Live from Euro 2024 **1.00am** Dotun Adebayo **5.00-6.00am** Wake Up to Money

BBC RADIO WALES

FM: 94.6MHz 6.00am Radio Wales News **6.05** Wake Up with Radio Wales **6.30** Country Focus **7.00** Breakfast **9.00** Wynne Evans **12.00noon** The Phone In **2.00** Behnaz Akhgar **5.00** Radio Wales Drive **6.30** Beena and Amrit **7.00** Aleighcia Scott **10.00** Nathan Sussex **12.00m't** Relax with Radio Wales **1.00-6.00am** As Radio 5 Live

CLASSIC FM

100-102MHz 6.30am Classic FM Breakfast with Dan Walker **9.00** The Classic FM Hall of Fame Hour with Dan Walker **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00pm** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Sam Pittis **7.00** Relaxing Evenings **10.00** Calm Classics **1.00am** Bill Overton **4.00-6.30am** Early Breakfast

ABSOLUTE RADIO

DAB 6.00am Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Emil Franchi **1.00-6.00am** Dan Noble

Movies

FILM4

11.00am Rio Grande (1950/U) Western, with John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara. ★★★★
1.15pm The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957/PG) Oscar-winning Second World War drama, starring Alec Guinness. ★★★★★
4.30 Yangtse Incident (1957/U) Fact-based naval adventure, with Richard Todd. ★★★
6.45 Star Trek: Nemesis (2002/12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Patrick Stewart. ★★
9.00 Venom (2018/15) Fantasy adventure, starring Tom Hardy and Riz Ahmed. ★★★★
11.10 Angel Has Fallen (2019/15) Action thriller sequel, with Gerard Butler. ★★★★
1.30-3.25am Force 10 from Navarone (1978/15) Second World War adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.20am Boonie Bears: Guardian Code (2023/PG) Animation, with the voices of Joseph S Lambert and Paul 'Maxx' Rinehart. ★★★
8.00 Bonus Track (2023/15) See 2.00pm for details. ★★★
9.45 Meg 2: The Trench (2023/12) See 8.00pm for details. ★★★
11.45 Ride On (2023/PG) Action drama, with Jackie Chan and Liu Haocun. ★★★★
2.00pm Bonus Track (2023/15) Comedy, with Joe Anders and Samuel Small. ★★★
3.50 Blue Beetle (2023/12) Fantasy, with Xolo Mariduena and Bruna Marquezine. ★★★
6.00 American Star (2024/15) Thriller, starring Ian McShane and Nora Arnezeder. ★★★
8.00 Meg 2: The Trench (2023/12) Thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. ★★★
10.00 The Great Escaper (2023/12) Drama, starring Michael Caine. ★★★★
11.40 Ruthless (2023/15) Action thriller, with Dermot Mulroney and Jeff Fahey. ★★★★
1.20am American Star (2024/15) See 6.00pm for details. ★★★
3.10 The Royal Hotel (2023/18) Thriller, with Julia Garner and Jessica Henwick. ★★★
4.45-6.30am Ruthless (2023/15) See 11.40pm for details. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

4.20pm It Is In Us All (2022/15) Drama, with Cosmo Jarvis and Rhys Mannion. ★★★
6.00 Summit Fever (2022/15) Drama, with Ryan Phillippe and Hannah New. ★★★
8.00 Jackie (2016/15) Drama, with Natalie Portman and Greta Gerwig. ★★★★
9.45 Cold Mountain (2003/15) Drama, with Nicole Kidman and Jude Law. ★★★
12.25am Six Minutes to Midnight (2020/12) Thriller, starring Judi Dench, James D'Arcy, Jim Broadbent and Eddie Izzard. ★★★
2.10 It Is In Us All (2022/15) See 4.20pm for details. ★★★
3.50 Boyz N the Hood (1991/15) Drama, with Cuba Gooding Jr, Laurence Fishburne, Morris Chestnut and Ice Cube. ★★★★★
5.45-7.50am Game Change (2012/12) Drama, starring Julianne Moore. ★★★

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

4.00pm Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile (2022/PG) Musical, starring Javier Bardem. ★★★★
5.50 Johnny English Reborn (2011/PG) Spy comedy sequel, starring Rowan Atkinson and Gillian Anderson. ★★★
7.40 The Flash (2023/12) Adventure, with Ezra Miller and Sasha Calle. ★★★★
10.15 Problem Child (1990/PG) Comedy, starring John Ritter and Michael Oliver. ★★★
11.50 The Last Airbender (2010/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Noah Ringer. ★★★
1.45am Step Dogs (2013/U) Family comedy, with Joris Jarsky and Ryan Belleville. ★★
3.15 The Horse Dancer (2017/PG) Family drama, starring Sophie Bolen. ★★★
5.20-6.50am The Little Rascals (1994/U) Comedy, starring Travis Tedford. ★★★★

TALKING PICTURES TV

5.35pm Death Goes to School (1953/U) Crime drama, with Gordon Jackson. ★★
6.50-8.00pm Small Hotel (1957/U) Comedy, with Gordon Harker and Marie Lohr. ★★★
10.10pm The Innocent (1993/15) Cold War thriller, starring Campbell Scott. ★★★
12.30am Malice (1993/15) Thriller, starring Alec Baldwin and Nicole Kidman. ★★★
2.40 The Facts of Life (1960/PG) Romantic comedy, starring Lucille Ball. ★★★
4.45-6.00am Night of the Prowler (1962/U) Thriller, starring Patrick Holt. ★★

GREAT! MOVIES

5.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries for Christmas (2014/PG) Festive comedy, starring Eric Mabius and Kristin Booth. ★★
7.00 Cromwell (1970/PG) Drama, starring Richard Harris and Alec Guinness. ★★★★
10.00 Bronson (2008/18) Biopic of convict Charles Bronson, with Tom Hardy. ★★★★
11.55pm Killerman (2019/15) Action, starring Liam Hemsworth and Emory Cohen. ★★★
2.15am Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: Haunted By Murder (2022/PG) Mystery, starring Candace Cameron Bure. ★★★
4.00-6.00am Deadly Hack (2018/PG) Thriller, with Rosalie McIntire and Drew Seeley. ★★★

Tech news

A NEW breed of Windows PCs is now available to buy, and all powered by Qualcomm's mighty X Elite processor.

StarTech

with DAVE SNELLING @SnellingD Gaming: TOM HUTCHISON

Tech news

OUR eight-page StarTech pullout will be back next week with all the latest news, gadget reviews and gaming gossip.

BROTHERSHIP: Mario and Luigi return

Switch on to games feast

NINTENDO'S unveiled a host of new titles for the Switch.

We got a first look at Metroid Prime 4: Beyond where "the galaxy's greatest bounty hunter Samus Aran will embark on a new mission in 2025".

The Legend of Zelda: Echoes of Wisdom arrives on September 26, and fans will play as the noble princess of Hyrule herself, Zelda.

Mario will return in Mario & Luigi: Brothership, a new seafaring entry in the Role-Play adventure series starring the famous brothers.

That's out on November 7 but we're also getting Super Mario Party Jamboree, which will be a series of party games around three weeks earlier.

Donkey Kong also gets a new game with a revamped HD version of 2010 Wii classic Donkey Kong Country Returns in January.

Third-party gaming firms were also on display including Lego Horizon Adventures and Just Dance returns for the Christmas dance-off with granny.

Acclaimed cat game Stray finally makes the jump from Xbox and PS5 to Switch this winter and there's a Lord of the Rings title called Tales of the Shire.

Finally, brawlers will like Marvel vs Capcom Fighting Collection, a series of classic arcade fighting games. They feature the likes of the X-Men and Street Fighter characters.

There's a big year of gaming ahead.

GETTING A KICK OUT OF EUROS

GAMERS can replicate this summer's Euros football action in a couple of hit titles.

Free-to-play eFootball and the paid-for FC24 have added extra content to their games as the summer soccer tournament is now well under way. eFootball has launched its King of the Continent season.

It gives players the opportunity to recreate their nation's glories via a series of campaigns and in-game items across PS5 and Xbox Series X.

Electronic Arts' FC24 has also detailed its free Festival of Football update on PS5, Xbox and Switch.

A spokesperson said "Players can lead their nations to European glory, going head-to-head to become Champions of Europe."

★ A BUDGET blower is launching soon and it could offer a much cheaper way to own a feature-packed smartphone.

Nothing already makes some excellent lower-cost call makers and now this fledgling tech firm is teasing something new is coming soon.

Its CMF brand currently makes very cheap smartwatches and on July 8, a CMF Phone 1 will be added to the range. We'll have to wait and see how much it costs but it should be a real bargain.

PAY £199 AND SEE LIFE TICK OVER

Watch for Galaxy of cheap tips

YOU can now strap a tech timepiece to your wrist without paying premium prices.

Samsung's Galaxy Watch FE comes packed with features for under £200.

It includes a 1.2in Super Amoled circular display which not only shows you the time and date but also a swathe of data including how active you've been.

It can track over 100 different workouts, give you exercise tips, check your pulse and alert you if things don't seem right with your heart rate.

Even when you head to bed it keeps on working with a full sleep score and snooze tracking available when you wake up.

Other useful features include being able to make calls and check messages without reaching for your Android phone. You can also change its look thanks to easily swappable straps.

It goes on sale this month for £199.

● Samsung is giving away a Galaxy Watch6 when you buy its latest Galaxy S24 Ultra smartphone. The offer is available until July 2 and there is also £200 cashback available. Plus, Samsung will give you another £100 if you give them your broken old phone.

SPEAK DRAGON

IF you have any of the most popular Sky devices there are new voice commands worth trying from today.

To celebrate the return of House of the Dragon, Sky has released an update to help fans find content. Say one of the following to see the available episodes in a flash:

Team Green, House Green, Alicent, Hightower, Team Black, House Black, Rhaenyra, Westeros, Targaryen or House of the Dragon collection.

★ FANCY Sky TV features without a monthly subscription? The all-new Manhattan TR•4 is now on sale.

This set-top Freeview box can record shows, pause live TV and offer instant access to hours of on-demand content. It's fully compatible with 4K programming.

You'll need to pay £169.99 upfront to own it but then it's totally free to use.

JUST JANE

JANE O'GORMAN SOLVES YOUR PROBLEMS TODAY ... AND EVERY DAY

Fella in my pad is hell

I TOLD my boyfriend on the day we met that I wasn't interested in living with him.

I explained that I value my freedom.

Last February I went down with the flu. My boyfriend moved in to nurse me and never moved out again.

Now he's here full time and my life is hell. He never stops bossing me around and I feel trapped.

Admittedly he's paying half the bills, but he gave up his flat without discussing it with me first.

When I complain he calls me ungrateful. How do I get my sanity back?

JANE SAYS: I've got a feeling the day you told your boyfriend you weren't interested in living with him, he took it as a challenge.

He waited until you were ill, saw his opportunity and swooped in.

Now he's begun taking over he's got to be stopped. Tell him, today, that this is not the way you want things to be.

Yes, of course you're grateful, but you need your life back.

Sadly, if he becomes difficult, then you must get support in showing him the door.

Talk to trusted friends and relatives about your plight.

Romeo promises pulling days over

BUT CAN I TRUST LOVER?

SHOULD I be shocked that my new boyfriend has had 80-plus lovers?

Is that too many? He's a great guy. We met at a party and clicked straight away.

He's attractive, funny and great in bed. He does things to me that make my whole body shake. He only has to touch me to bring me to a screaming orgasm.

But am I just another notch on his bedpost? Can he be serious about me when he's clearly a horny old goat?

He laughs and promises me his crazy days are behind him.

He admits that he's had every kind of woman imaginable; young, old, big and small. He's enjoyed threesomes, orgies and dogging. He's seduced married women and serviced divorcees but he's finally hanging up his pulling pants because he's met me. Flattering – but is it true?

The other night we were settling down to watch TV and he started crying. He sobbed that he regretted all the casual sex and one-night stands because I'm so lovely. Could I ever forgive him for being a selfish tart?

I was horribly embarrassed and ordered him to stop mucking about. He's either a reformed character or the world's most manipulative actor – and I can't work out which. The problem is that I'm friendly with someone he dated years ago. She scoffs that I'd be a fool to trust him. She reckons he'll say anything to get his own way.

She suspects he likes my flat, which has a big garden and a gin bar – and fancies the idea of hanging around for the summer, but he'll be off in September when the weather changes.

Could that be true or is she being jealous and vindictive?

CHARMING MAN: He's good looking and great in bed but can she believe a word he says?

JANE SAYS: Maybe this guy is good looking, charming and sexy, but he doesn't have a great track record and I also worry that he still hasn't given you the full story.

I can't help thinking that there must be plenty of other wronged ex-lovers who might have a word or two to say about his behaviour.

The fact that he's slept with lots of people doesn't necessarily make him a bad person, but only you can decide if he's good enough.

His past also suggests to me that he has a voracious appetite for sex – and may even be a sex addict. How do you feel about that? Does he think he has a problem? Would he be willing to talk to his GP about his behaviour? Sit him down and list your concerns.

Monitor his mood and reactions and then use your instincts to decide if he really is the one for you. Ultimately, you can't date a guy whose past niggles you or who you're vaguely embarrassed by. He may be hunky, but he's not the only one around.

Whatever happens, don't sell yourself short because you can have anyone you want in your life. It's not your job to provide him with a comfortable bolt hole for the summer. Don't be used.

Activist pal vids too vile

AN old friend is a campaigner and activist. She has strong views on a number of issues.

To this end she keeps posting deeply disturbing films on social media.

I'm no prude but I never know what to expect next and being faced with something vile first thing in the morning is never nice – especially where children and animals are involved.

I get it that the causes she champions need to be exposed, but she doesn't seem to understand there's a time and a place.

My daughter says I should unfriend her, but can I risk hurting her feelings?

JANE SAYS: Being involved with social media is a choice.

You don't have to "like" your friend's posts or remain engaged if you find her passions too strong.

I'm sure she is an admirable warrior for certain causes, but if her posts are upsetting, then you aren't obliged to receive them. That doesn't make you weak or unsympathetic.

Stop worrying about hurting her feelings and get your daughter to alter your settings.

WRITE to Just Jane, Daily Star, One Canada Square, London E14 5AP or email jane.o'gorman@dailystar.co.uk
Please note that Jane cannot respond to individual letters and not all problems will be published.

What she says doesn't add up

MY girlfriend lives in a fantasy world. Sometimes she says the most bizarre things and I'm not sure if she knows the difference between fact and fiction.

Lots of stories about her childhood really don't add up and now I don't know who to believe regarding a problem she has at work. Must I insist she grows up?

JANE SAYS: Not everyone looks at the world in the same way. Insist on going through the problems she's experiencing at work.

But if you begin to find you're spending more time indulging her or fathoming out her thinking than conducting a mutually respectful relationship, is she the long-term partner for you?

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ONE-NIGHT STAND BACKFIRED

DAY 4

CONTINUES TOMORROW

RUSSELL GRANT

DON'T MISS RUSSELL EVERY DAY IN THE DAILY STAR

ARIES March 21 to April 20

IT will be frustrating to be passed over for a promotion due to an unfair system you can do nothing about. The song and dance of how a leader is voted in is more for show when it is obvious who is going to win and the outcome is not going to change.

Call one of my dedicated astrologers on **0905 789 3801****

TAURUS April 21 to May 21

TECHNICAL problems will cause irritation. Systems are not standing up to demands being made of them. Technology may be a big part of our lives but when things go wrong they will go wrong quickly and issues are not easily resolved.

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GEMINI May 22 to June 21

A LITTLE of everything is nothing when you look at the bigger picture. Are you spreading your energy too thinly? Your greatest challenge will be to decide on your priorities and to take a more organised approach to your goals.

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CANCER June 22 to July 23

TURN a deaf ear to anyone who tries to undermine your confidence. Refuse to let them intimidate you. Pals and colleagues who do respect your skills will give you the support you need. You could find love with someone from your past.

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LEO July 24 to August 23

IT is possible to turn a dream into reality but you need to be prepared to work at it. If you put time, energy and focus into this project, you will get results. A senior colleague needs to see you are serious in your desire to take on a more responsible role.

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VIRGO August 24 to September 23

YOU want to spend time reflecting, planning and searching for answers. It might seem impossible to get a hold of someone you need to talk to in order to gain more information. A workplace argument could cause you some anxiety.

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LIBRA September 24 to October 23

YOU'RE tempted to give up when the going gets tough but this will get you nowhere. Continuing with a course of study is important. If you are going to gain the qualifications you need to make progress in your career.

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SCORPIO October 24 to November 22

SPEAKING your mind on social media could lead to a bust-up. Someone who disagrees with you will act offended and their reaction will cause a lot of unnecessary drama. You're not personally attacking anyone despite what they accuse you of.

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SAGITTARIUS November 23 to December 21

DESPITE the busy scene around you, you will be handling most things that crop up with ease. You will actually enjoy this extra challenge. A party or travel invitation will be your ticket to meeting up with people you haven't seen in a while.

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CAPRICORN December 22 to January 20

HELPING someone you care for through a tricky time will bring personal revelations. It will be as if your friend or partner is holding a mirror up to your own personal situation. You will understand yourself better through your relationships.

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AQUARIUS January 21 to February 19

NOTHING gives you more pleasure than supporting a good cause. Often you put other's needs ahead of your own. When a shady organisation approaches you for money, do private research into their background before responding.

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PISCES February 20 to March 20

BRAIN fog is making it hard for you to get on with what you have to do. No matter how hard you try, you can't seem to get past a creative block. You may need a change of scenery, something new to do or some entertaining company to stimulate your mind.

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All but two of these railway words can be found in the grid. Words run backwards or forwards, up or down or diagonally, but always in a straight line. Letters can be used more than once.

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ALPHAPUZZLE ™

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EACH grid number in Alphapuzzle® stands for a letter. Every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters – below the main grid – to start. Solution tomorrow.
Difficulty: 9/10 **Target Time:** 29 minutes
Clue: Trade found on motorway.

EXTRA LETTER CLUES:
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION
Across: Raider, Chilli, Equally, Noose, Load, Unzip, Broth, Taxi, Trill, Skillet, Fallen, Allure.
Down: Cruelly, Stiff (clue), Titular, Hilly, Jelly, Trolley, Hypnotism, Shindig, Villa, Allow, Callous, Diver, Fifteen.

SUDOKU

FILL the grid so that every column, row and 3x3 square includes all the digits from one to 9.

LEVEL: Difficult, 26 Mins

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

1	4	9	6	5	7	3	8	2
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

PATHFINDER

Young at Heart, Three Coins in the Fountain, You My Love, Love and Marriage, Chicago, Witchcraft, French Foreign Legion, High Hopes, My Blue Heaven, Granada, My Kind of Girl, Hello, Dolly!, Strangers in the Night, That's Life, My Way, They All Laughed, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.

Answers in tomorrow's DAILY STAR

TWO-WAY TEASER

CALL 0907 181 2623 FOR TODAY'S SOLUTION
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TWO sets of clues but the answers are the same...

CRYPTIC CLUES
ACROSS
1 Veto for proposal (6)
4 A good one is important to one bowling from end to end (6)
7 Repeat after some reflection (4)
8 Supercilious about organ-playing skill (8)
9 Girl able to recall a whole lot of dates (7)
12 Doctor meets bandleader in the crowd (3)
14 Struggle when various results are not right (6)
15 Squirm and wither away (6)
16 One who fishes for perch (3)
18 A cross in Italy shows where a composer is buried (7)
22 King and prophet apt to be dependable (8)
23 Game explorer (4)
24 He alone is happy (6)
25 Any reform by politician from N. Africa (6)

DOWN
1 About to be included in a combat plane built to take cargo (9)
2 Took part in a dramatic trial (9)
3 Play involving a doctor and a mother? (5)
4 Some popular variety of grub (5)
5 Nearly dark, but not quite (4)
6 Dance having beat and vigour (5)
10 It's held at the back, by gum (5)
11 One of two keys I found in the kennel (5)
12 I'm not involved with Mary in this joint venture (9)
13 Crack up, strangely enough (5,4)
17 Fat bees out after nothing (5)
19 Round-the-world trip (5)
20 A puffed up V.I.P. (5)
21 Keeping steady company (4)

QUICK CLUES
ACROSS
1 Prohibit (6)
4 Linear extent (6)
7 Reverberate (4)
8 Haughty (8)
9 Calendar (7)
12 Unruly crowd (3)
14 Struggle (6)
15 Squirm (6)
16 Baton (3)
18 Italian composer (7)
22 Dependable (8)
23 Horseback hockey (4)
24 Eremite (6)
25 N. African (6)

DOWN
1 Cargo ship (9)
2 Practised .... (9)
3 .... a play (5)
4 Grub (5)
5 Near (4)
6 Latin American dance (5)
10 Back tooth (5)
11 Welsh dog (5)
12 Wedlock (9)
13 Crush (5,4)
17 Fat (5)
19 Heavenly path (5)
20 Expand (5)
21 Company (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION:
ACROSS: 1 Billowed, 5 Last, 8 Rump, 9 Missouri, 10 Landing, 12 Grand, 13 Runner, 15 Ripest, 17 Regal, 18 Elevens, 22 Gathered, 23 Nazi, 24 Tied, 25 Sheepdog.
DOWN: 1 Burglar, 2 Lemon, 3 Woman, 4 Dose, 6 Adulate, 7 Third, 11 Ideal, 12 Guile, 14 Nightie, 16 Tasting, 17 Right, 19 Ledge, 20 Eland, 21 Iris.

ANSWERS IN TOMORROW'S PAPER

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AGONY

Andy's last dance at SW19 in doubt

■ by NEIL McLEMAN

ANDY MURRAY is a huge fitness doubt for his final Wimbledon after revealing he had "no coordination" before pulling out of the cinch Championships with a back injury.

Asked if he will be able to play at his home Grand Slam, which starts on July 1, the three-time Grand Slam champion said: "I wouldn't know."

Murray won his first ATP Tour match since March in the first round on Tuesday but was back on Centre Court less than 24 hours later.

And he lasted only 23 minutes against Aussie Jordan Thompson before retiring with "neural pain" in his lower back.

It is the first time Murray, who had a metal hip fitted in 2019, has retired from a match since the 2013 Rome Masters.

"I have been struggling with my back for a while," said the Scot. "It was pretty sore in my match yesterday. I wasn't comfortable playing but I was able to manage it.

"The first two balls I hit in the warm-up, my right leg, I had no coordination. I had a loss of power in my right leg. It was just not working properly. I couldn't move. I have dealt with back issues for a long time, for the last 10 years or so. But I have never had that loss of coordination, loss of control and strength in the leg before."

Murray had lower back disc surgery in September 2013 and has taken pain-killing injections before playing on clay. He had another "procedure" after Paris.

Now he is in a race against time to get fit for Wimbledon, with a final farewell on the clay at the Paris Olympics looking a big risk. Asked about his chances of playing at SW19, he added: "I wouldn't know. I don't know exactly what the treatment will be, because I don't know exactly what the problem is.

"The sort of treatment I had on my back after the French Open was predominantly left-sided. This was my right leg. I have never had too many issues with the right. I will get scans and get it rechecked and see if there's anything that can be done."

The match lasted only 23 minutes and Murray won only eight points on Centre Court. He then returned to the court to an ovation.

"In hindsight, I wish I hadn't gone on there, because it was pretty awkward for everyone," he said.

World No.43 Thompson admitted he had to be ruthless. "It's professional sport," he said. "It's nothing personal."

British No.1 Jack Draper will play world No.2 Carlos Alcaraz today.

"It will just be a really good match and hopefully we can put on a good show," said Draper.

PAIN IN THE GRASS: Murray gets treatment on court and *(inset)* is distraught after pulling out

RETURN: Raducanu

Emma's wild for Wimbo

■ by NEIL McLEMAN

EMMA RADUCANU and three Grand Slam-winning mums have been awarded Wimbledon wild cards.

The 2021 US Open winner will return for the first time in two years after missing last year's event with wrist and ankle surgeries.

Raducanu, one of 11 British players to be handed wild cards, climbed back up to world No.165 after reaching the semi-finals of the Rothesay Open last week.

Naomi Osaka and Caroline Wozniacki both play Wimbledon for the first time since 2019 after becoming mothers.

"I have so many special memories," said Wozniacki.

"There's something so special about Centre Court."

Angelique Kerber will also return after missing last season to start a family.

The other wild cards go to British players Francesca Jones, Heather Watson, Yuriko Miyazaki, Liam Broady, Jan Choinski, Jacob Fearnley, Arthur Fery, Paul Jubb and last year's boys' winner Henry Searle.

DE KOCK BLOCKS YANKS

■ by GARY CHAPPELL

SOUTH AFRICA were almost on the end of a shock result in the T20 World Cup in Antigua as the United States fell short in a brave run chase.

The Proteas posted 194 for four from their 20 overs in the Super 8s stage and the US, making their debut in the competition, were agonisingly short as Aiden Markram's side held on for an 18-run victory.

Quinton de Kock did the damage with the bat for South Africa, hitting five sixes and seven fours in a 40-ball 74.

Markram provided support with 46 off 32 deliveries, while some late-innings hitting from Heinrich Klaasen, who smacked three sixes in his 36, and Tristan Stubbs set an imposing target.

Opener Andries Gous was the lynchpin of the US innings, blasting an unbeaten 80 from 47 balls.

He hit five fours and five sixes as he threatened to take his country to victory.

However, he did not receive much support around him until Harmeet Singh smashed 38 off 22 balls.

But when Singh was caught off Kagiso Rabada with 11 balls remaining their hopes were over as South Africa defended their target.

VICTORY WITHIN REACH: De Kock avoids a run out on way to 40-ball 74

F1: SPANISH GRAND PRIX

Track suits Max to take Bull by the horns

MAX VERSTAPPEN'S rivals fear Red Bull could be too strong for them on a traditional racing circuit at this weekend's Spanish Grand Prix.

■ by DANIEL MOXON

Red Bull started the season in dominant form but haven't had things all their own way in recent weeks.

McLaren and Ferrari have won races since the start of May, but after a flurry of street tracks, Formula One returns to more traditional circuits for the next few rounds, including Sunday's race in Barcelona. And Red Bull are expected to be stronger as a results.

McLaren's Oscar Piastri thinks his team will "be in the fight" but backed Red Bull to flex their muscles.

The Aussie driver said: "We can still be confident, definitely. I wouldn't say we're weak in high speed, it's just that others probably caught up a little bit. I'm pretty comfortable we'll be somewhere towards the front.

"Red Bull will probably be a bit stronger than they have been. But we'll be in the fight."

Ferrari racer Charles Leclerc has a similar outlook ahead of the Spain race and said: "I feel like the strength of Red Bull will be more visible on a track like Barcelona. And behind, we'll all be pretty close."

Mercedes had to watch with envy earlier this year as their rivals took the fight to Red Bull.

But in Canada, George Russell qualified on pole and finished third, while Lewis Hamilton also looked strong on race day as the Silver Arrows' car upgrades did the business.

For team principal Toto Wolff, the Barcelona circuit will provide the litmus test to measure whether Mercedes really are closing in on the top teams.

He said: "We have continued to make incremental gains across the past few races. It was encouraging therefore to take another positive step forward in Canada.

"To see that translate into our strongest team result of the season so far is a reward for everyone's hard work.

"The Circuit Gilles Villeneuve is a unique track, however Barcelona will provide a good test of our progress.

"It has a mix of fast, medium, and low-speed corners, a long straight, and plenty of elevation change.

"Tracks that contain this wide speed range have been a weakness of ours so far this year.

"This weekend will provide another opportunity to evaluate our progress. We hope to build on the positive momentum."

SPANISH HIGHS: Max and Red Bull are expected to be quick this weekend

EL SUPREMO

TAKES THE PIASTRI: Max leading Oscar last year

Silverstone sales in slow lane

■ by DANIEL MOXON

RED BULL'S dominance has been blamed for Silverstone's struggle to sell out tickets for next month's British GP.

Tickets for 2022 sold out in record time, while last year the weekend enjoyed a record-setting attendance of 480,000.

But this year there are still tickets available with just two weeks to go.

Circuit managing director Stuart Pringle said: "If there is a strong likelihood of the same winner, and the jeopardy is taken out of sport, it does take the edge off it.

"I recognise that we had several years of a British driver dominating the championship, and we didn't mind that so much as a British promoter.

"But it's a lot harder with Red Bull dominating."

Ticket prices have also risen significantly in recent years, which Pringle admits will put off some fans.

INFORMATION STATION

European Ch'ships

Group A

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Att: 54,000

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Switzerland	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Scotland	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
Hungary	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

Group B

CROATIA (0).......... 2 ALBANIA (1)......... 2

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Italy	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Albania	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Croatia	2	0	1	1	2	5	1

CRICKET

ICC WORLD TWENTY20 SUPER 8S - GROUP 2—USA v South Africa (North Sound): South Africa 194-4 (20 overs; Q de Kock 74, A Markram 46, H Klaasen 36no); USA 176-6 (20 overs; A Gous 80no, H Singh 38; K Rabada 3-18). **South Africa (2pts) bt USA by 18 runs.**

TENNIS

ATP Cinch Championships (The Queen's Club, London)**—2nd rd**: R Hijikata (Aus) bt M Arnaldi (Ita) 7-6 (7-0) 7-6 (9-7) S Korda (USA) bt G Dimitrov (Bul) 6-4 3-6 7-5; J Thompson (Aus) bt A Murray (Gbr) 4-1 ret, T Fritz (USA) bt M Raonic (Can) 7-6 (7-5) 6-4.

Rothesay Classic (Birmingham, England)**—2nd rd**: A Tomljanovic (Aus) bt L Zhu (Chn) 6-7 (6-8) 6-1 6-4; E Cocciaretto (Ita) bt S Stephens (USA) 6-4 6-2; L Fernandez (Can) bt V Golubic (Swi) 4-6 7-5 6-3, A Potapova (Rus) bt L Bronzetti (Ita) 6-3 7-5.

WTA ecotrans Ladies Open (Berlin, Germany)**—1st rd**: O Jabeur (Tun) bt X Wang (Chn) 6-4 7-6 (7-4) 2nd rd: V Azarenka (Blr) bt Z Sonmez Turkiye 6-3 6-3.

ATP Terra Wortmann Open (Halle, Germany)**—1st rd:** J Struff (Ger) bt L Darderi (Ita) 6-7 (2-7) 7-5 7-6~(12-10) M Berrettini (Ita) bt A Michelsen (USA) 7-6 (7-5) 6-2 2nd rd: A Fils (Fra) bt D Koepfer (Ger) 6-3 6-4; C Eubanks (USA) bt A Bublik (Kaz) 7-6 (7-5) 4-6 6-3; Z Zhang (Chn) bt D Medvedev (Rus) 6-3 2-6 7-6 (7-5), A Zverev (Ger) bt L Sonego (Ita) 6-4 7-6 (7-5).

TODAY'S DIARY

European Championships

Group B

Spain v Italy (8pm)................................
(Live on ITV 1)

Group C

Denmark v England (5pm)......................
(Live on BBC 1)

Slovenia v Serbia (2pm).........................
(Live on ITV 1)

CRICKET

ICC World Twenty20 - Group 1: Afghanistan v India (Bridgetown, 3.30pm).

t20 Blast - North Group: Warwickshire v Northamptonshire (Edgbaston, 7pm), Yorkshire v Lancashire (Headingley, 7.15pm). **South Group:** Essex v Hampshire (Chelmsford, 7pm), Glamorgan v Gloucestershire (Sophia Gardens, 6.30pm), Middlesex v Surrey (Lord's, 7pm), Sussex v Kent (Hove, 7pm).

GOLF

DP World Tour KLM Open (The International, Amsterdam, Netherlands).
USPGA Tour Travelers Championship (TPC River Highlands, Cromwell, Connecticut).
LPGA KPMG Women's PGA Championship (Sahalee Country Club, Sammamish, Washington).

RUGBY LEAGUE

Betfred Super League (8pm): Castleford v Hull K R.

5 FOR FUN

1. Which Masters winner was charged with assaulting a police officer before his 2024 US PGA Championship second round?
2. Who contested rugby league's 2024 Women's Challenge Cup final?
3. Which Manchester City player was named 2023-24 Premier League Player of the Season?
4. Which driver finished second in the 2024 F1 Emilia Romagna Grand Prix?
5. Which Chinese player was named Rookie of the Year at the 2024 World Snooker Tour awards?

ANSWERS: Page 45

SPORTWORD

ACROSS

1. Stanley ...., 1947-61 Blackpool outside-right; 1956 Ballon d'Or winner (8)
7. Chris ....., 2005-14 Warrington Wolves wing; three-time Challenge Cup final winner (5)
8. Danny ....., 2014-15 Widnes forward (5)
9 and 15 Down. 1988, 1990 and 1991 F1 World Drivers' Championship winner (6,5)
10 and 14 Across. 2012 England, 2001-09 Newcastle Falcons, 2009-15 Northampton Saints and 2015-17 Worcester Warriors No.8/flanker (4,6)
12 and 11 Down. Australian golfer; winner of The Open Championship in 1986 and 1993 nicknamed The Great White Shark (4,6)
14. See 10 Across.
17. Kel ....., Australian golfer; 1960 winner of The Open Championship (5)
18. Ugo ....., 2002-15 Harlequins wing (5)
19. 1996 Cricket World Cup final winners against Australia (3,5)

DOWN

1. Tony ....., 1979-92 Widnes stand-off; their coach from 1994-95 (5)
2. Tommy ......, 1970-79 West Ham defender; 1996-2001 Leyton Orient manager (6)
3. Gheorghe ...., 2004-05 and 2010-11 Galatasaray manager (4)
4. Paul ....., 1982-84 Luton and 1984-88 Liverpool forward; 1983 England debutant against Australia (5)
5. January-August, 2009 Norwich manager (5,4)
6. Lilian ...., 1997-99 France and 2001-03 Sunderland forward (9)
11. See 12 Across.
13. Dean ....., South Africa Test opener who made 199 against Bangladesh in Potchefstroom in 2017 (5)
15. See 9 Across.
16. Dwayne ...., former Wales, Scarlets, Bristol and Sale Sharks scrum-half (4)

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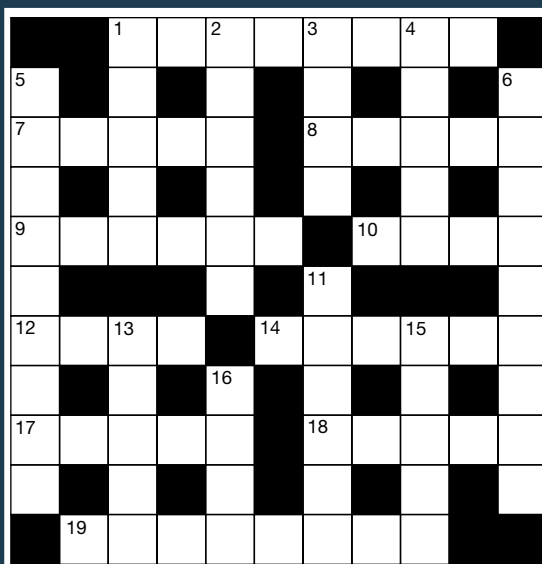
Brownlee blow

■ by MIKE WALTERS

JONNY BROWNLEE struggled to contain his disappointment after being left out of Team GB's triathlon squad for the Paris Olympics.

It marks the end of an era of domination with his older brother Alistair – between them they have won three gold medals, one silver and one bronze at the Games since 2012.

Jonny ***(inset)*** struck gold with a superb run in the mixed relay team in Tokyo, which prompted him to reverse his decision to retire from the Olympics.

But he was pipped to the second spot in the men's race for Paris alongside Alex Yee by Sam Dickinson.

Posting on Instagram, Brownlee said: "The Tokyo mixed relay was one of many highlights of my career and I still believe I could have helped Team GB win another medal in Paris.

"It's not the fairy-tale ending I'd wished for but Paris was always a bonus."

TAINE OUT TO LAND PLUM ROLE

■ by RICHARD LEWIS

WALES flanker Taine Plumtree will adopt a "nothing to lose" approach as he prepares for his Test match return on Saturday.

Plumtree *(inset)* is back on the international stage after 10 months away, gaining a starting place against world champions South Africa at Twickenham.

It has been a challenging period for the 24-year-old, who suffered a shoulder injury last summer that effectively ended his World Cup hopes, before missing the entire Six Nations because of similar problems.

Swansea-born Plumtree, whose father John is head coach of South African United Rugby Championship side the Sharks, impressed on his two previous Wales appearances in World Cup warm-up games against England.

He is highly regarded by the Wales management and now has a golden opportunity to showcase his quality, with the Springboks up first followed by a two-Test Australia tour.

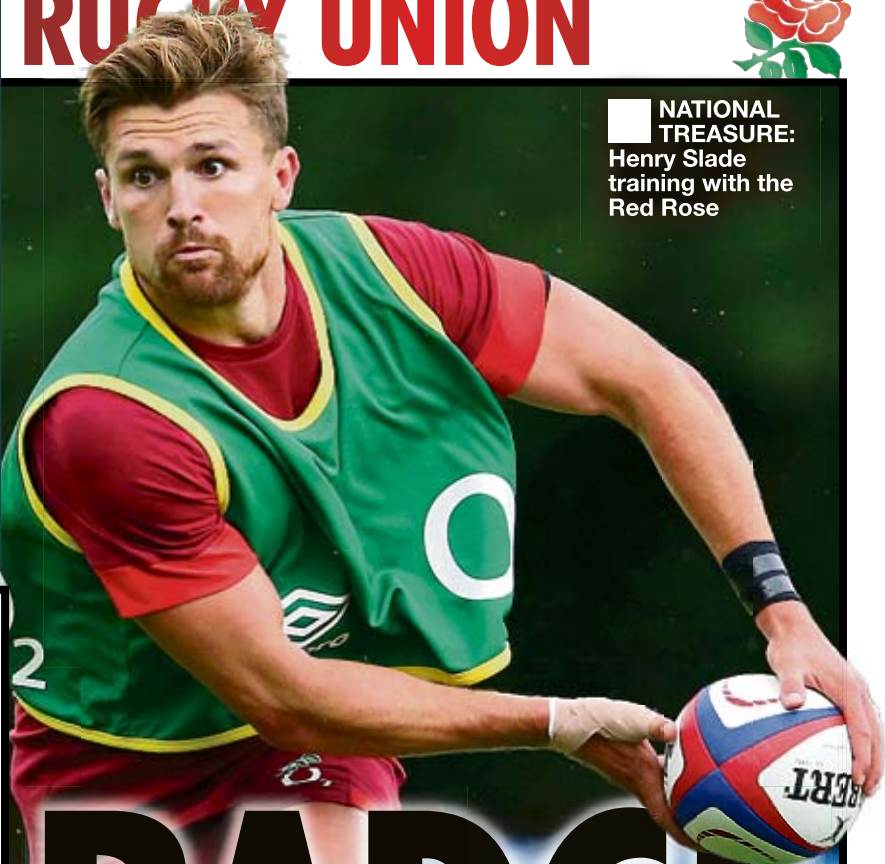
"Facing the Springboks is obviously going to be a challenge, but it is the best time for us as a team to show what we are made of and to really test ourselves," said Scarlets forward Plumtree.

"I am just going to go into this week feeling I have got nothing to lose, we have got nothing to lose and hopefully put out a performance that will help us to build into the summer tour.

"Any team that plays against the Springboks knows how physical they can be regardless of who they pick.

"Our mindset has to be giving it back to them."

RUGBY UNION

NATIONAL TREASURE: Henry Slade training with the Red Rose

BADGE OF PRIDE

Slade puts Red Rose before France switch

■ from ADAM HATHAWAY in Tokyo

HENRY SLADE says he turned down a move to France because he still has unfinished business with England.

The centre, who will win his 63rd cap against Japan on Saturday, signed a new deal with Exeter in May, keeping him in the Premiership and available for Test rugby.

But Slade admits his head was nearly turned by offers to move to the Top 14, especially after he was left out of the World Cup squad by England boss Steve Borthwick.

He fought back to start all five games in the Six Nations and this weekend is one of the vice-captains in Tokyo.

Despite a pile of caps and appearances in the 2015 and 2019 World Cups, Slade is still not fulfilled with his Test career to date.

And that was part of his motivation to knock back advances across the Channel.

The 31-year-old said: "There was some interest and at the start, when I didn't go to the World Cup, I was quite open to it.

"I want to play for England. It's fantastic to be able to play for your country, so that was definitely a big factor that allowed me to stay. But I'd be lying if I said I wasn't tempted. I've had a great career for England and been part of some really great squads and had some great experiences, life-long memories and made some great mates.

"But overall there is probably a little bit of frustration in terms of sometimes how we have played, and how I've played, and how many opportunities I've had to get on the ball, for example.

"Now I can put myself in the game a lot more and feel a lot more excited each time coming into camp."

Slade's World Cup omission was a massive call by Borthwick *(inset)* but he knuckled down at Chiefs and finished the season as Premiership Rugby Player of the Year.

Slade added: "Looking back, it added to my motivation and my desire to get back in.

"You always want to be picked. I would have still wanted to go to the World Cup but that is in the past.

"People say things happen for a reason. I did revisit myself as a player and as a person after the summer and I feel I have come out of the other side of it a bit better."

RUGBY LEAGUE

BETFRED SUPER LEAGUE

CONFIDENT: May

No error terrors for May

■ by DAVE CRAVEN

CASTLEFORD v HULL KR
8pm, Sky Sports

TYRONE MAY insists he'll never stew over a gaffe, as he's good enough to turn any game.

Hull KR's gifted Aussie stand-off is thriving as Rovers make their assault on Super League.

He has proved one of their top players since joining from Catalans ahead of this season and bids to fire another win at Castleford tonight.

But May saw one of his passes intercepted as Esan Marsters gave Huddersfield the lead last Friday, before the Robins romped to a 32-6 win, with May scoring one try and creating two others.

"I had Jimmy Maloney in my head when I threw that intercept," he said, referring to his ex-Penrith team-mate.

"Jimmy would throw an intercept and give away a few penalties and say, 'Who cares? I'm going to do the next load of things great'.

"That's stuck with me ever since.

"And I can still improve.

"I don't think I've completed a full game where I've come off and felt, 'I've nailed that'."

SKID ROH

Smith is sent packing as Rhinos axe Aussie

ROHAN SMITH believes he was on the right path – despite getting axed by Leeds last night.

■ by DAVE CRAVEN

Eight-time Super League champions Rhinos said they agreed by mutual consent that their head coach will step down with immediate effect.

On the back of Saturday's turgid loss at Hull – the latest of a raft of shockers – and amid growing discontent from fed-up fans, the Aussie's departure seemed inevitable.

Leeds will celebrate the life of Rob Burrow when they host Leigh tomorrow night and they could not risk that occasion being spoiled by simmering tensions over their head coach.

In truth, fans had turned on Smith weeks ago but their voices became deafening during that shambolic defeat against a Hull side which had lost 11 straight games.

Salford boss Paul Rowley ***(inset top)***, ex-Parramatta chief Brad Arthur ***(inset middle)*** and Brisbane assistant coach Lee Briers ***(inset bottom)*** are all likely to come into the frame for one of the game's biggest gigs.

Smith had steered Rhinos to the Super League Grand Final in his first year after joining in April 2022 but they have gone backwards since.

They missed out on the play-offs last season and despite spending big with the capture of Brodie Croft and England hooker Andy Ackers, they have spluttered badly again. Leeds are currently seventh but, at times, have looked utterly devoid of ideas and spirit.

Smith, who was under contract until the end of 2025, looked doomed once Rhinos appointed Salford's Ian Blease as a new sporting director last week.

But he said: "I'd always stated it was a long-term project to establish a team able to have sustainable success.

"And I believe we have assembled a roster that can continue to push for a 2024 play-off spot; the fans can get behind the boys and give them support.

"Friday will be a special night for the club and we wanted to remove the speculation and distraction. Celebrating Rob's life, the great work done by the club and Kev (Sinfield) for the MND community and playing well is the focus.

"I believe this team can still achieve great things and I'm proud of the work the coaching team's done to develop players.

"Unfortunately, I will not be head coach to see this development continue."

After losing half of their 14 Super League games so far, chief executive Gary Hetherington said: "It's fair to say results and performances have not met all expectations."

Meanwhile, Rhinos have signed Wigan forward Sam Eseh on loan after seeing four players pull out of tomorrow's game with concussion issues.

OUT OF A JOB: Leeds have parted company with head coach Rohan Smith

Shannon super-fly

■ **BOXING**

SHANNON RYAN knows the importance of her clash with Emma Dolan.

The Commonwealth belt will be on the line in Birmingham on Saturday as well as the British super-flyweight title.

Ryan said: "When I started, we weren't able to fight for the British title and now we're eligible to do that. So it shows the direction."

Chandler checks in

■ **UFC**

MICHAEL CHANDLER will still attend UFC 303 on June 29 in Las Vegas, despite his bout with Conor McGregor being postponed last week.

In a thinly-veiled dig at the injured Irishman, the American said: "I'm still going to UFC 303. I made a promise, I made a commitment and that commitment still stands.

"Your word is your bond. And without your word, you are no good."

ANSWERS

YESTERDAY'S SPORTWORD

Across: 1 Hart Lane; 6 White; 7 Greig; 9 Lyon; 10 Olesen; 12 Imbula; 14 Kebe; 17 Marsh; 18 Nabil; 19 Norgaard. **Down:** 2 Aribo; 3 Tied; 4 Angell; 5 Ewels; 6 William; 8 Gunnell; 11 El Zhar; 13 Byron; 15 Eibar; 16 Anya.

FIVE FOR FUN

1 Scottie Scheffler, 2 Leeds Rhinos and St Helens, 3 Phil Foden, 4 Lando Norris, 5 He Guoqiang.

Tiger life support

■ **by RICHARD LEWIS**

TIGER WOODS has been granted a lifetime exemption to compete in the PGA Tour's eight 'signature' events.

The honour is in recognition of Woods' joint-record 82 victories on the American-based circuit. His triumphs include 15 Major titles.

A statement confirmed the "adjustment" to the signature events series to "introduce a sponsor exemption for lifetime achievement – 80 or more career victories – to recognise Tiger Woods in his own category".

Woods, 48, remains the biggest draw in golf despite limited appearances in recent years due to health issues.

He has played just four Tour events this year.

The signature events series features eight of the Tour's most lucrative tournaments outside the four Majors and play-offs.

These limited-field tournaments will feature a minimum of 72 players from next season.

GERMANY BECKONS TO EARN MATCHPLAY SPOT

I AM beginning to feel like I have dual nationality with the amount of time I am spending in Germany.

That continues with another trip to Leverkusen for this weekend's European Tour.

Coincidentally, it comes at a time where half of the UK are doing the same thing.

But while most of them are watching England try and win a first major trophy in nearly 60 years, my goal is to try and do the same by ensuring I qualify for the World Matchplay in Blackpool.

Obviously, my wait for a major title has been slightly shorter! It's a crucial time on the calendar for me and it has been a long time since I have found myself in this position.

I take heart from the fact that when I was under pressure to qualify for the Grand Slam of Darts last year, I produced one of my best tournaments and reached the final of the European Championships. This week, I have been practising quite a bit – which is not normally the norm for me – and I am confident that I am on the cusp of producing my best stuff following a spell of feeling a bit down with my game and a bit low in terms of my mental health in general.

There's no excuses from me, but I have been very honest in the past about my bipolar and ADHD.

Sometimes I struggle to maintain concentration with all the distractions and travel and I know that I will be more settled when the UK calendar gets going and Blackpool, Leicester, Wolverhampton, Minehead and Ally Pally come around.

DS1ST

BUDGE ON BRANTHWAITE OR UNITED GO FOR YORO

■ by JEREMY CROSS

MANCHESTER UNITED will turn to French defender Leny Yoro if no deal can be agreed with Everton for Jarrad Branthwaite.

United have made a final bid of £43m for Branthwaite – and told the Toffees they will not go any higher.

But Everton are holding out for closer to £70m for the England international, 21.

United fear no compromise will be reached and have made Yoro their leading target as an alternative option to Branthwaite.

The Lille star, 18, has emerged as one of the brightest prospects in French football. United bosses having been keeping close tabs on Yoro, who is valued in the region of £40m.

It's understood United have sounded out Lille about signing Yoro, who is keen to make the move to Old Trafford.

United's offer for Branthwaite is made up of £35m plus £8m in add-ons, which are dependant on both the team and individual's success.

Everton have cited United's decision to spend £80m on Harry Maguire in 2019 as a guide as to how much Branthwaite is worth.

But United insist that deal was done in a different era before Covid and the introduction of constraints imposed by the Premier League's Profit and Sustainability Rules.

United, meanwhile, are considering triggering the £45m release clause of Bologna striker Joshua Zirkzee.

The 23-year-old can play in a number of attacking positions and was recently drafted into the Holland squad for Euro 2024, following injuries to Frenkie de Jong and Teun Koopmeiners.

However, Zirkzee's arrival at the Red Devils would push Marcus Rashford closer to an Old Trafford exit.

Rashford, who missed out on England's Euro 2024 squad, will be sold if any club matches United's valuation of the 26-year-old, who managed just eight goals last season.

WANTED: Leny Yoro and *(left)* Jarrad Branthwaite

SWOOP FOR IAN

■ by RYAN TAYLOR

ASTON VILLA have struck a £37.5m deal to sign Chelsea full-back Ian Maatsen.

The Dutchman, who was a late addition to Ronald Koeman's Holland squad for Euro 2024, flourished on loan at Borussia Dortmund.

Dortmund wanted Maatsen *(inset)* permanently after he helped them reach the Champions League final but they were unable to afford his £35m buy-out.

Villa have pounced and they will pay a fee slightly more than that figure as Chelsea also continue to work on a move for striker Jhon Duran. Unai Emery has also made Conor Gallagher a target.

JACK'S GOOD-BUY

■ by DAVID ANDERSON

LEEDS are prepared to let Jack Harrison rejoin Everton on loan if they agree to make the move permanent next summer.

Harrison ***(inset)***, 27, spent last season on loan at the Toffees, scoring four goals and making three assists, and is keen to stay with them in the Premier League rather than drop down to the Championship.

The winger signed a five-year deal with Leeds in April 2023 and the Elland Road club feel he has some transfer value after paying Manchester City £11m for him in July 2021.

Leeds are willing to let him return to Goodison, with Everton covering his wages and paying a loan fee, but want the Merseysiders to agree to buy him.

FOOTIE FLASHES

● **EVERTON are interested in Aston Villa midfielder Tim Iroegbunam.**

● BIRMINGHAM have signed keeper Ryan Allsop from Hull on a three-year contract for an undisclosed fee.

● **SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY have opened talks with Ian Poveda about signing the Colombia winger on a free transfer from Leeds.**

● TRANMERE have signed striker Josh Davison from League Two rivals AFC Wimbledon.

● **ENGLAND keeper Ellie Roebuck has joined Barcelona from WSL runners-up Manchester City on a deal until June 2026.**

● CHARLTON have signed defender Josh Edwards from Dunfermline for an undisclosed fee.

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LIVERPOOL'S MY PIP

DUTCH COURAGE: Slot is ready to battle Guardiola for the title

NEW DAWN: THIS IS ARNEFIELD

MISSION TO GUARDIOLA

Slot so excited to lock horns with City boss in football's biggest rivalry

ARNE SLOT claims he has succeeded Jurgen Klopp at Liverpool because he wanted to be part of European football's biggest rivalry.

■ by DAVID ANDERSON

Slot says Klopp reset the European agenda after the days of Real Madrid and Barcelona and claims he was transfixed by Liverpool's titanic tussles with Manchester City.

He feels those battles defined, not just English football, but the European game over the nine years of Klopp's Anfield reign.

"I'm 45 now and I've been watching football for a long time," Liverpool's new head coach told the club's website in his first interview since taking over at the start of the month.

"This has been an era where everybody looked at the Barcelona side of Xavi, (Andres) Iniesta and (Lionel) Messi and the rivalry there was between Real Madrid, with Cristiano Ronaldo being there.

"When that came to an end, the new rivalry in European football came because of Jurgen. He managed Liverpool and Pep Guardiola, of course, managed Manchester City.

"For everyone who loves football it was a fantastic era, to watch them getting the best out of each other.

"I've seen a lot of games of Liverpool, a lot of games of City as well, and when you live in Europe, the Premier League is probably the nicest league to follow.

"Jurgen's done a tremendous job here and I'm really happy with that as a fan, but now as his successor he left Liverpool in the best possible way."

Slot rose to prominence at Feyenoord, winning the Dutch title in 2023 and the Dutch Cup last season.

The Dutchman says he was inspired by Klopp and Guardiola ***(inset)*** and feels their intense, possession-based attacking football is the only way to play.

"We're all inspired by Guardiola and Klopp and at a big club, which I worked in at Feyenoord as well, it's probably the only style you can play," he added.

"To have the ball a lot, to have a lot of energy, and now there are comparisons between the club I left and the club I'm going to work for now."

Slot claims Klopp gave him several "good tips" when they spoke and thanked him for saying he would be his biggest fan.

"He gave me more than a few good tips," he said. "But what stood out for me was – and he said this in the media as well – he would be my biggest fan from now on because he supports Liverpool in the best possible way, and you don't see this very often.

"That says a lot about his character."

Slot is happy about being the club's first-ever head coach instead of manager and says this allows him to focus on working with the players.

He has contacted his new players and joked chatting to Virgil van Dijk was easy because they spoke Dutch.

Slot rejected Tottenham a year ago because he felt he had unfinished business at Feyenoord but claimed he could not turn Liverpool down.

He said: "It was a year ago that I was in the interest of a few Premier League clubs, but I decided to extend at Feyenoord with the idea of staying there two more seasons.

"But after a year, Liverpool came along and it wasn't a difficult choice."

SLOTTING RIGHT IN: New Reds boss Slot takes in the training facilities

ARNE POINTS WAY FORWARD

From Back Page

can see the games, so they know we have some very good players.

"But I've also seen a lot of training sessions already and this is where you bring the culture, and they're always working hard.

"A really good team, really good players, managed to be on top for a very long time, but in the end we would all love to see Liverpool a bit higher than third place and this is the challenge we're facing now."

Talking to the Liverpool FC website, he added: "I've all the confidence in this because of the players, that we can add a few things and hopefully get a few more points than 82."

Slot has brought his coaching team from Feyenoord with him and Liverpool yesterday confirmed Sipke Hulshoff would be his No.2 and Ruben Peeters the first-team physical performance coach. He has also head-hunted Fabian Otte from the USA national team as their goalkeeping coach.

Mystic Mug

He talks a load of crystal balls...

TODAY Gareth Southgate is hailed in Germany for being the first manager to successfully set up his side to nullify Bundesliga goal machine Harry Kane.

TOMORROW Erik cone Head's theory that Man United's chronic number of crocked stars was due to negative goings on off the pitch is confirmed by minority owner Sir Nice but Jim's forensic post-season analysis which shows the single biggest cause of injury was the players' partners fighting back.

SATURDAY James Maddison fears the worst when he finds Jack Grealish running a hose pipe into his £210,000 Lamborghini which has tarpaulin over the interior while singing Gloria Gaynor's 'I will survive'. "Don't worry," says Jack. "I'm just setting up for our carpool karaoke."

SUNDAY Steve Clarke goes full Braveheart in the Scotland dressing room before their must-win game against Hungary. "Are you hungry? Who's hungry? Show me who's hungry," he bellows, at which point confused UEFA security guards take him to the dressing room next door.

MONDAY Spain are hit by an education scandal as it is revealed 16-year-old Lamine Yamal's 100 per cent pass in English was due to Man City's Rodri taking the exam for him and Michael Oliver marking it.

TUESDAY Jude Bellingham halts England's final group game after 11 minutes to sing his planned Eurovision entry, "Mr Brum-bastic", in the centre circle. Understandably, Slovenia are infuriated but the Swiss ref gives it 10 points.

WEDNESDAY Arsenal, Chelsea, Liverpool, Man United, Man City and Spurs are still pointless in the European Super League.

Kasper: Three Lions stronger than in 2021

■ from ANDY DUNN in Frankfurt

KASPER SCHMEICHEL believes Gareth Southgate has the best team of his eight years as England manager.

At the semi-final stage of Euro 2020, Schmeichel saved Harry Kane's extra-time penalty, only for the captain to turn in the rebound to send England into the final.

The Danes accused Raheem Sterling of taking a dive to win the penalty and Schmeichel *(right)* claimed two balls were on the pitch at the time of the offence.

The former Leicester keeper was also targeted by a laser pen as he prepared to face Kane's spot-kick. But, ahead of the Group C clash in Frankfurt tonight, Schmeichel refused to rake over the controversy and instead lavished praise on England.

He said: "England were a world-class side when we met them – they got to the final of a major championship.

"When you look at some of the additions since and the experience they've picked up, they're a better side now than ever."

World class or not, England only just scraped past the Danes at Wembley in 2021.

But Schmeichel says revenge is not giving Denmark an added incentive to turn Southgate's side over.

He added: "I'm not the type of person to be looking back three years for a game to have motivation.

"The biggest motivation factor is we're playing another Euros with Denmark.

"We've got 16,000 of our fans coming and the biggest motivation for me is the image in my head of celebrating with them after a win."

BALL WINNER: Walker keeps his eyes on the prize during England training

Sorry Tadic starts

SLOVENIA v SERBIA
KO: 2pm, ITV

■ from RYAN TAYLOR

DUSAN TADIC is set to start against Slovenia after his public dispute with Dragan Stojkovic was resolved.

Serbia captain Tadic *(right)* hit out after starting Sunday's 1-0 defeat to England on the bench.

But the issue has now been resolved after Tadic apologised to both Stojkovic and his team-mates.

Serbia boss Stojkovic said: "There is nothing special about this story, maybe it's interesting for the media but we are all moving on."

Slovenia boss Matjaz Kek is optimistic there will be no trouble between fans.

He said: "The rivalry is big but Serbia is a very good opponent and we respect them."

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GOING FOR GOLD

Walker's out to prove age is nothing but a number in Frankfurt

KYLE WALKER might be heading towards the twilight of his career at the age of 34.

But the man himself is having none of it.

In fact, Walker is taking inspiration from someone who makes him look like a spring chicken, in a bid to extend his own career as long as possible.

The England defender sat down to watch Portugal's win over Czech Republic at Euro 2024 and witness Pepe roll back the years at the ripe old age of 41.

Walker might have won 84 caps since his international debut back in 2011.

But he still treasures each time he plays for the Three Lions and doesn't want those feelings to ever stop.

Walker said: "Of course I want to go as far as I can.

"To represent my country as many times as I have done, I never thought I would represent the country once, so to do it the amount of times I have is a credit to myself.

"I look at Pepe (on Tuesday) and he is 41 and still playing for Portugal.

"So, they're the levels people are setting now, the likes of Luka Modric, people like that.

"These are people carrying on for top teams, at a top level, for a considerable amount of time. If they can do it, why can't I?"

With a World Cup in 2026 on the horizon, Walker has something significant to aim for and keep him going.

Twice Gareth Southgate has talked him out of international retirement and Walker added: "I feel as long as you're putting the performances in for your club which then gets you into the England fold, I'm in contention.

"I still feel great. A lot of people do bang on about my age but age is just a number to me. I still feel quick, I still feel strong, I still feel young. And even at my age, I still want to learn.

"I feel the game's adapting all the time, and with the youngsters that are coming in, they're showing me different things I can learn from and different techniques.

"Every day is a learning day, never mind if you're 34 like me or 19 like Kobbie Mainoo."

Walker, meanwhile, admits he has put himself in a bubble in the England camp, in a bid to focus on the challenge of helping Southgate's men conquer Europe this summer.

This includes staying off social media and not reading or listening to anything that is written or said about him and the team.

He added: "I very rarely read the media and what things are said, I concentrate on what's in this camp. What the manager says and what the people around me and team-mates are saying.

"I don't have anything (social media). I don't look at anything.

"I feel when you concentrate not on two or three games' time, but just one game at a time, that's when you get the best out of each other.

"When you start listening to outside noise, or good press and bad press, it affects different people in different ways.

"If you were to write good things or bad things about me, if I don't read it, then I don't react."

■ from JEREMY CROSS in Frankfurt

STANDING THE TESTS OF TIME: Walker has been taking inspiration from Pepe *(above)* and Luka Modric *(below)*

TALKS: Cooper

Foxes in hunt for Cooper

■ by NEIL MOXLEY

STEVE COOPER is in advanced talks to become Leicester's new boss.

The decision-makers at the King Power Stadium have spoken to the former Nottingham Forest chief as the Foxes move towards appointing a successor to Enzo Maresca.

Cooper was considered third in the running behind Graham Potter and West Brom's Carlos Corberan.

Former Chelsea chief Potter was favourite, as Leicester were due to pay seven-figure compensation had they plumped for Corberan instead.

But discussions have cooled over Potter and Leicester have turned to Cooper, who led Forest from the bottom of the Championship to promotion and kept them in the top flight during his first full season.

He made way for Nuno Espirito Santo just before last Christmas.

Cooper had been on holiday earlier this month and had not anticipated a call from Leicester.

But it seems a conversation with Potter has hit a stumbling block, opening up the opportunity.

Edwards extends

■ by JOSHUA PECK

LUTON manager Rob Edwards has signed a new four-year deal.

The former Forest Green and Watford boss, 41, took charge of the Hatters in November 2022 and guided the club to the Premier League.

But Luton were relegated on the final day of the season after finishing 18th in the table.

Ahead of their return to the second tier Edwards has extended his stay with the club until 2028.

Edwards told the club's website: "I'm really pleased. It's been the best 18 months of my professional career, we've had so much fun.

"There's been ups and, let's be honest, downs too. But I feel really excited to extend our stay.

"I feel really motivated to get us going again."

RACISM NOT HEARD

■ from JOHN CROSS

GARETH SOUTHGATE has insisted none of his players heard any racist abuse from Serbia fans.

UEFA have launched a full-scale investigation after one of their 'crowd spotters' identified a Serbia fan making monkey noises during Sunday's game.

However, the Football Association did not make a complaint and the investigation has been driven purely by UEFA.

When asked whether the FA or the players had heard anything, England boss Southgate said: "It's not something anybody seems to be aware of from our side.

"All we know is that UEFA are investigating something, and we don't know more than that."

GORDON BOXES CLEVER

■ from JEREMY CROSS

ANTHONY GORDON admits a combination of boxing and chess have helped turn him into an England star.

The Newcastle ace is part of the Three Lions squad hoping to win Euro 2024 this summer.

And Gordon ***(left)*** has revealed the strange combination which has helped him reach the highest level for both club and country. The winger said: "I got into it (boxing) in Liverpool. Everyone in Liverpool likes fighting.

"It just makes me more aggressive and play with more tenacity. It doesn't work for everyone, but that works for me.

"Before I started boxing, I went down a lot and got pushed off the ball. It helped with my aggression and desire to win."

Gordon is also a big chess fan and added: "It is a life skill, because it applies to everything.

"I taught myself. I didn't have a clue how to play it. It's very peaceful.

"I like the deep thought process, I love to learn and like that challenge."

CAPE FEAR

LET ME AT 'EM: Bellingham can't wait be to be unleashed against Denmark – but boss Southgate has told him to hold back Pic: ANDY STENNING

PHIL GOOD FACTOR

From Back Page attention but the way he worked for the team, defended the spaces, showed real intelligence in how he played.

"There was a lot going on in the game, a lot tactically to solve. And we were happy with what Phil did.

"There's going to be a narrative about a player after every England game. This is a different world to the one you experience at clubs.

"I have to guide them through that, let them understand it's the reality of our world but that we shouldn't be thrown off track by it."

LEGS DO THIS: Foden and Alexander-Arnold limber up in training

DENMARK v ENGLAND

DENMARK (3-4-3)	ENGLAND (4-2-3-1)
Schmeichel	Pickford
Andersen	Walker
Christensen	Stones
Vestergaard	Guehi
Bah	Trippier
Hjulmand	Alexander-Arnold
Hojbjerg	Rice
Kristiansen	Saka
Eriksen	Bellingham
Wind	Foden
Hojlund	Kane

REFEREE: Artur Soares Dias (Portugal)

Southgate warns superhero Jude: Don't burn yourself out

GARETH SOUTHGATE has told Jude Bellingham to forget about being Superman every time he plays for England.

■ from JEREMY CROSS in Frankfurt

Bellingham has become the heartbeat of the Three Lions side, as part of his meteoric rise to superstardom.

The 20-year-old scored the winning goal in England's opening Group C game against Serbia at Euro 2024 on Sunday night.

And the Real Madrid sensation ran the show before being substituted towards the end of the 1-0 triumph in Gelsenkirchen.

England will look to Bellingham to lead them again tonight when Southgate's men take on Denmark in Frankfurt.

At times it feels like he is wearing a hero's cape – as well as the famous England shirt with three lions on it.

Southgate admits Bellingham is a joy to coach due to his extraordinary talent.

But he is also aware of the risk of him trying to do too much at once and has spoken to the attacking midfielder about his role in the side.

Southgate, who called on his other stars to step up to the plate and take the match-winning load off Bellingham ***(Tuesday's back page, below)***, said: "I think he definitely got 90 minutes of running into 45 (against Serbia).

"I think the occasion, the emotion, scoring… I mean he had a phenomenal impact on the game.

"And the great thing is that he is really coachable. We can sit and chat and talk things through. We have got to get the right balance of not losing what he is already bringing and also, as with all the players, can we refine things a bit?

"That is always the challenge. But top players want to be challenged – and need to be challenged as well.

"I don't think you back away from that. Any top individual wants to be the best he can possibly be. I think that's the great thing with him. He's really coachable."

Another win will see England book their place in the last 16.

However, Southgate will know this is also the game which has to see his decision to keep faith with the likes of Trent Alexander-Arnold and Phil Foden out wide work, if his masterplan to win the Euros is to be believed.

Both were disappointing in the opening game but Southgate is determined Alexander-Arnold in particular can thrive in midfield alongside Declan Rice.

He added: "I think he's less likely to be a player who dictates tempo.

"What I do see is that range of passing and that ability to open up a defence that might be blocking spaces, defending low.

"He's somebody that's going to cause opposition players to be aware that we can play balls in behind them at any point, with fantastic accuracy.

"His understanding of the game is good. It's not necessarily been where he's played for many years, but he's been really diligent and open to wanting to take that on board.

"So, look, we know it's a work in progress. We know it's something that's going to get a lot of attention, as it's not been the norm.

"But we feel it's something that can add to what we've got."

England will come up against a familiar face tonight in the shape of Denmark veteran Christian Eriksen.

Southgate said: "You know that the quality of his passing, his ability to score goals, the quality of his set-plays is absolutely exceptional. It is a real strength for Denmark. He is a player I have huge admiration for."

GROUP C TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Denmark	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Slovenia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

SOUTHGATE SOS AS HE CALLS ON LIONS TO BE THE...
INCREDIBELLS
Gareth: I need more superheroes like Jude

SHAW START IS STILL DELAYED

LUKE SHAW may not be fit until the knockout stages of the Euros.

Manchester United full-back Shaw *(inset)* missed training ahead of the Denmark game and may also be struggling to face Slovenia next Tuesday.

But Gareth Southgate insists that he has not had a setback and they were always prepared for him not to be ready until the later stages.

England boss Southgate said: "Everybody bar Luke is available for the game and he is continuing with his own programme. That's why he didn't train with the rest.

"He will have rest days when they are training. That's just how that worked out.

"We are very clear

■ from JOHN CROSS

on the messaging we give to the players and what the mindset of an opponent might be and what motivations they might have.

"It's an important part of psychologically preparing our team, so we are always well aware of that narrative and preparing the players for it if they weren't aware of it anyway.

"Luke is progressing as we thought he would.

"There was a moment last week where we thought he could be a couple of days ahead of schedule but more realistically we are looking to the back end of this week and early next.

"We are not unhappy with that."

Gareth blocking out all the noise

GARETH SOUTHGATE has insisted he is not worried about Erik ten Hag's criticism of his tactics.

Manchester United manager Ten Hag told Dutch TV during England's win over Serbia that the Three Lions boss tends to get a lead, then sit back and rely on "moments" rather than trying to dominate.

Southgate *(inset)* said: "During the course of a tournament there's millions of opinions in different directions

■ from JOHN CROSS

and so whilst I'm not reading or listening to a thing, you become aware of these things because they get sent to you.

"There are different moments, different flows of games, moments where you're in control and you can push forward, moments where you've got a problem to solve.

"I accept everyone's going to have different views and I'm really calm about that."

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PHIL GOOD FACTOR

Southgate backs Fod

LEAN MACHINE: Phil Foden in training for tonight's game

SUPPORTING HIS MAN: England boss Gareth Southgate

GARETH SOUTHGATE has blasted back at critics by describing under-fire Phil Foden as "exceptional".

■ from JEREMY CROSS in Frankfurt

The England boss has faced growing calls to drop the Manchester City ace for the clash with Denmark tonight after his side's tepid 1-0 win over Serbia in their opening game.

But he is expected to name an unchanged team, saying: "I thought Phil did an exceptional job for us on Sunday. Other players grabbed the

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Slot's in so well

■ by DAVID ANDERSON

ARNE SLOT aims to carry on Jurgen Klopp's fantastic work at Liverpool by topping last season's third-place finish.

Klopp signed off after nine years at Anfield with a record 10th Carabao Cup and third spot in the Premier League with 82 points.

Slot made the pledge in his first interview as Reds boss yesterday *(above)* following his appointment as Klopp's replacement.

"Eighty-two points is a result of the playing style," he said. "Always the points you get is always a result of the way you play.

"I've seen many games already, I've seen many training sessions. The fans

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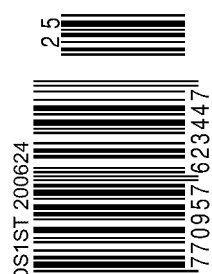
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THAT'S MY BOY: Boss Steve Clarke gives McTominay a hug

McTominay's early strike keeps Tartan hopes alive

SCOTLAND 1 SWITZERLAND 1

by CHARLIE GORDON

SCOTT McTOMINAY'S goal helped Scotland to a vital draw that leaves them with a chance of reaching the Euro knockouts.

The Tartan Army witnessed a much-improved performance from last week's Germany thrashing, with McTominay's first-time effort deflecting in off Fabian Schar.

Xherdan Shaqiri scored a stunning equaliser to share the spoils in Cologne, and Scotland must now win their final group clash against Hungary on Sunday to stand any chance of progressing.

Scotland captain Andy Robertson said: "That was much more like it. We were aggressive on the front foot and got off to a better start. We are much more happy with that."

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SCOTTLAND THE BRAVE

BOTTLE OF COLOGNE: McTominay punch after his goal

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FODEN MUST FIND A WAYNE TO FLOURISH

BY AARON FLANAGAN

PHIL FODEN should take a leaf out of Wayne Rooney's book to become undroppable for England, according to Wes Brown.

Foden, the Premier League player of the season, failed to live up to his Manchester City form when the Three Lions got their Euro 2024 campaign underway with a cagey 1-0 win over Serbia.

He was moved from his favoured No.10 position on to the left wing, with Jude Bellingham taking up the central playmaking role.

And for today's clash with Denmark, former England defender Brown wants to see the 24-year-old change his game so he can work with Bellingham – just as Rooney had to do in his partnership with Cristiano Ronaldo at Manchester United. Speaking on the latest episode of Euro Thrash, Brown said: "Foden has had a fantastic season but he has to get into the game more.

"He has been used to playing in a different position for City this season, and it showed, but that is Jude's position and you can't take Jude out of there.

"I'll give you a good example: Wayne Rooney, wants the ball all the time, but when he was playing with Cristiano Ronaldo, he would start dropping back a little.

"Sometimes players have to be intelligent enough to do that.

"We know what a special player Foden can be, but Jude is special too. Phil's got to go, 'ok, Jude's doing that now, so can I find the positions I have been finding all season for City?'"

GROUP A TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Switzerland	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Scotland	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
Hungary	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

SCOTLAND		SWITZERLAND
45%	POSSESSION	55%
2	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
4	SHOTS OFF TARGET	6
5	CORNERS	8
0	OFFSIDE	5
11	FOULS	11
0 red, 3 yellow	CARDS	2 yellow, 0 red

Referee: Ivan Kruzliak

CHEER... SO NEAR McTominay celebrates his goal (below) and (far right) Hanley is denied by the post

HUNGARY FOR MORE

Steve Clarke's battlers still in it and desperate for victory on Sunday to reach knockout stage

BY **CHARLIE GORDON**

SCOTT McTOMINAY helped Scotland scramble a point against Switzerland and set the stage for a blockbuster Group A finale.

McTominay and Xherdan Shaqiri traded goals in a draw at the RheinEnergieStadion to make Sunday's clash between Scotland and Hungary a straight battle for third place.

Steve Clarke's side were significantly better last night than they were in last Friday's Germany thrashing.

They could have kept all three points if McTominay's early goal had been the difference, but Shaqiri had other ideas.

And, in the end, Scotland can count themselves lucky to leave with a draw after two Switzerland goals were chalked off by VAR.

Scotland finally gave their travelling supporters something to sink their teeth into after the Tartan Army took over the streets of Cologne.

The moment they had been waiting for came when a devastating counter-attack carved Switzerland open.

Billy Gilmour's deft pass started it off, with Andrew Robertson driving half the length of the field and finding Callum McGregor, whose cutback was turned in first time by McTominay.

A meaty deflection off Fabian Schar helped the ball on its way past Yann Sommer, but those dressed in dark blue didn't care a jot.

Having been suffocated by Germany in their opener, Scotland were relishing the opportunity to pass and move under comparatively little pressure.

And it all looked rosy for Clarke's men until Shaqiri pulled a rabbit out of the hat.

Pouncing on a criminal back-pass from Anthony Ralston, former Liverpool man Shaqiri did not even take a touch before bending one into the top corner (below) over the helpless Angus Gunn. It marked a major turning point in the half as, suddenly, the Swiss smelt blood.

A narrow miss from Silvan Widmer was followed by a slick passing move, with Shaqiri at the heart of it and Dan Ndoye forcing a brilliant reflex save from Gunn.

The Scots were briefly in meltdown when, seven minutes after Shaqiri's equaliser, Switzerland found the net a second time.

However, Clarke and his staff were relieved to see the offside flag halt Ndoye's celebration and keep the sides on level terms at the interval.

Struggling for confidence with only one win in the last nine months, it was backs against the wall for Scotland at the start of the second half.

A huge chance for Switzerland went begging when Ndoye skinned McGregor to set up a one-on-one with Gunn, before dragging his shot wide.

And it must have felt like the walls were closing in when, two minutes later, Kieran Tierney succumbed to a serious-looking knee injury.

The Scottish full-back required a stretcher to take him off the pitch, and the hands covering his face suggested that it could be a tournament-ender.

But the Scots refused to shut up shop as Grant Hanley came within inches of restoring their lead with a header that thumped the post shortly after the hour mark (below).

As the match ebbed and flowed, Scotland were again forced to cling on when substitute Breel Embolo raced through on goal.

His dink over Gunn sparked flailing limbs from the Swiss fans, but the offside flag came to Scotland's rescue once again.

Heading into stoppage time, another gilt-edged chance was spurned by Switzerland as Zeki Amdouni headed a free-kick agonisingly wide.

SCOTLAND: Gunn 7, Hendry 6, Hanley 6, Tierney 6 (McKenna 61, 5), Ralston 5, Gilmour 6 (McLean 79), McGregor 6, MOTM Robertson 8, McTominay 7, Adams 6 (Shankland 90+1), McGinn 6 (Christie 90)
SWITZERLAND: Sommer 6, Schar 6, Akanji 6, Rodriguez 5, Widmer 5 (Stergiou 85), Freuler 5 (Sierro 75, 6), Xhaka 6, Aebischer 6, Shaqiri 8 (Embolo 58), Ndoye 7 (Amdouni 85), Vargas 6 (Rieder 75, 6)

NAGELSMANN: NO LET-UP NOW, LET'S WIN IT ALL

FROM **SIMON MULLOCK** in Stuttgart

GERMANY reached for the cruise control in the city that gave the motorcar to the world.

Goals by Jamal Musiala (above) and Ilkay Gundogan lit up the stadium that was once named after the pioneering genius Gottlieb Daimler and sent the high-performance hosts speeding into the last 16.

Hungary made sure it was not quite the gentle ride Julian Nagelsmann's side were given by Scotland in last week's opener, but Germany appear to be a team capable of going up through the gears at any time.

Home fans sang, "Berlin, Berlin, we're going to Berlin" – and Nagelsmann wants to use the feel-good factor that has swept the nation as fuel all the way to the final.

He said: "I won't join in the chants, but the atmosphere is amazing.

"The fans marched past our hotel before the game and that gives us an unbelievable feeling.

"We have seen videos of fans celebrating on the streets of Hamburg – and it moves you.

"The fans will dream. We want to take the people with us. But to do that we must continue to do our job.

"We have qualified for the last 16, but we want to win our final game because we want to win every game in this tournament."

Hungary created chances before and after Musiala's 22nd-minute opener, with Liverpool's Dominik Szoboszlai – their inventive captain – a constant source of danger with his set pieces.

Gundogan got away with a nudge on right-back Attila Fiola – and a subsequent VAR check – in providing Musiala's second goal of the tournament.

German skipper Gundogan (below) then scored the kind of goal, in the 67th minute, that used to be his familiar trademark at Manchester City.

Hungary coach Marco Rossi branded Dutch referee Danny Makkelie a homer.

Rossi said: "Germany are probably favourites to win the Euros, so they don't need help from the referee.

"The referee used double standards.

"He allowed a goal for Germany after a push by Gundogan and then, in the second half, he whistled for a foul against us when the same thing happened.

"Germany would have won anyway – but the referee was the worst on the pitch."

GERMANY		HUNGARY
63%	POSSESSION	37%
6	SHOTS ON TARGET	3
7	SHOTS OFF TARGET	4
11	CORNERS	7
2	OFFSIDE	1
12	FOULS	10
0 2	CARDS	3 0

Referee: Danny Makkelie

WE NEED OUR OWN STONES

Azzurri coach identifies England ace as perfect blueprint for his players

AZZURR-ED ON THE BALL
Spalletti has singled out Stones (below left) as a player for his side to emulate

SPAIN v ITALY
GROUP B: Arena AufSchalke, Gelsenkirchen
TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

BY **MARK JONES**

LUCIANO SPALLETTI had some clear advice for his Italy players ahead of what he is calling one of the biggest games of his career: be like John Stones.

The Azzurri coach was talking tactics ahead of the meeting between two countries who have won three of the last four European Championships.

Holders Italy began their campaign in Germany by going a goal down to Albania after 23 seconds in Dortmund before recovering to win 2-1.

But they go into the meeting of Group B's two big hitters behind Spain in the group on goal difference.

A new-look Spanish side thrilled onlookers in their 3-0 win over Croatia in their first game, with the technical quality of young wingers Nico Williams, 21, and the 16-year-old sensation Lamine Yamal key to the victory in Berlin. When Spalletti was asked if he had options at his disposal who could emulate the Spanish pair for their ability on the ball, the Italy boss used England's Stones as an example of the type of player he wants to see in his squad.

"We have tried to raise the technical ability in the squad," he said.

"Before the tournament I said the slogan, 'We're all No.10s', because these days the full-backs also operate as wingers.

"But it all comes down to your desire to win the ball back and be impeccable defensively.

"John Stones, these days, steps in and plays as a No.10, stepping forward, feeding balls through, finishing off moves when England are attacking.

"So you need to be able to do a bit of everything. The more players you have that can beat opposition players, the better.

"But it's also important to have players who can't be dribbled past. You need to strike the right balance. Based on what we've seen so far, of course, we do need to tweak a few things, but I think we're on the right track."

Italy recovered impressively from going a goal down so early on against Albania and they were ahead within 15 minutes thanks to strikes from Alessandro Bastoni and Nicolo Barella (inset).

A win in Gelsenkirchen would ensure qualification for the last 16, although both sides are likely to advance anyway, and former Roma, Inter Milan and Napoli boss Spalletti is seeing the opportunity as a privilege.

"It is one of the most important matches of my career," he added.

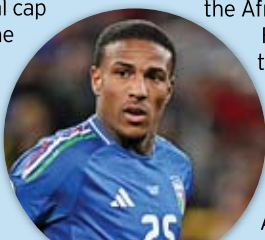
"I've already been through some important games but this is certainly one of those that's right up there.

"We all have a story to tell, and when the players get to my age they will know that. This is one of those matches that could give them a tale to tell in the future."

FOLO LIVING THE DREAM WITH SHOCK CALL

BY **MARK JONES**

AFTER picking up his first competitive international cap on Saturday the sky is the limit for Michael Folorunsho.

The Rome-born midfielder (right) came on in the closing stages of Italy's 2-1 win over Albania in Dortmund, just a few months after he could have been called up by Nigeria for the Africa Cup of Nations.

Folorunsho is contracted to Napoli but has never played for them and, having started the season having never played in Serie A, he finds himself in the Azzurri squad having impressed on loan at Verona. "It was inconceivable 12 months ago," he said. "I don't think I could ever have imagined that a year on I'd be playing at the Euros for my country.

"At the heart of all that there's hard work, I never stopped dreaming.

"But that now drives me forward, because once you get to a certain level, that's when the going gets really tough."

RUIZ LOVES A LAMINE MACHINE

KIDDING AROUND Lamine Yamal trains with his team-mates yesterday

SPAIN: Simon; Carvajal, Le Normand, Nacho, Cucurella; Ruiz, Rodri, Pedri; Yamal, Morata, Williams
ITALY: Donnarumma; Di Lorenzo, Bastoni, Calafiori, Dimarco; Jorginho, Barella; Frattesi, Pellegrini, Chiesa; Scamacca
REF: S Vincic (Slo)
TV: ITV

Teen Yamal dazzles for new-look La Roja

BY **RICHARD LEWIS**

IT IS fast becoming the tournament of the teenagers.

And no one is younger than Spain's Barcelona winger Lamine Yamal.

At 16 years and 338 days, Yamal made history as Spain opened their tournament with a 3-0 defeat of Croatia in Berlin on Saturday.

Yamal (above) became the youngest player in men's Euros history – and just to add to the sense of occasion, it was his assist that led to the third goal.

A player beyond his years – as his team-mate Fabian Ruiz testified ahead of tonight's clash of these giants in Gelsenkirchen.

"We all know what a great player he is," said Ruiz. "He's only 16 but he doesn't show that on the pitch.

"He's extremely direct, he's so good one-on-one and he's very important for us. He's going to be a great option for us to try and win this game."

Spain just have the edge in their head-to-head meetings.

They have won 14, Italy have won 11 with 14 draws, though the Italians have scored one more – 46 to 45.

But stats count for little on these big occasions when it comes to a major tournament.

Defending champions Italy will know the threat La Roja possess from the pace they showed in overcoming Croatia.

And it is not all about fancy footwork either.

Paris St-Germain midfielder Ruiz (right) said: "We still like to have the ball but the coach insists on being a bit more direct now.

"Every time we see an opportunity to get a shot on goal, we try and take it. With Luis de la Fuente, maybe we're seeing that a bit more."

But equally he is aware of the danger of the Italians, who overcame going 1-0 down after 23 seconds against Albania before winning 2-1.

Ruiz added: "They won the last Euro and we know what type of players they have. They compete in every tournament and we know the quality they have.

"It's going to be an even game. They're an intense, aggressive team with a lot of quality players and they like to have a lot of possession, maybe more so than in the past.

"We know Luciano Spalletti is a great coach. He likes to build out from the back, keep possession and press very high.

"Italy will try to pinch the ball, they have some quality footballers; they're an aggressive side who work well on the ball and it will be a very tough match. We need to be focused from the very first whistle."

Ruiz scored the second goal against Croatia just the past the half hour and he is hoping Spain go all the way again to glory.

He said: "We're in an incredible moment. We're going to fight to try to win that trophy on July 14. We're working for that, we're going to try but we will see how it goes."

LUIS IS READY FOR MORE FUEN AND GAMES

BY **DARREN WELLS**

SPAIN boss Luis de la Fuente fears his side will come face to face with their own mirror image when they take on Italy tonight.

The two nations are a place apart in the FIFA world rankings and both kicked off their Euro 2024 campaigns with victory. But it is their showdown in Gelsenkirchen which has been earmarked as the standout clash of the group stage and will likely determine who will head into the knockouts as Group B winners.

De la Fuente (left) said on Italy: "They're very similar to us. They changed their team recently, they've got some young players, and I love how competitive they are.

"They have great individuals and some very experienced players. It's almost like looking in a mirror.

"Spain vs Italy is a classic game, it could very easily be the final. They have great players, a great coach, and a real football culture."

CRISTIANO NOW A POR IMITATION

FROM **MARK JONES**
in Frankfurt

BERNARDO SILVA admits Portugal were better when they called for the cavalry against the Czech Republic as debate over Cristiano Ronaldo's inclusion in the side continues.

Ronaldo, 39, toiled in the torrential Leipzig rain against the Czechs, drawing two fine saves from goalkeeper Jindrich Stanek in the first half but often stifling those in front of him with his lack of movement.

Portugal enjoyed 73 percent of possession but it was not until head coach Roberto Martinez called on Premier League stars Diogo Jota and Pedro Neto and the 21-year-old matchwinner Francisco Conceicao, above, that Portugal began to look more threatening.

Jota thought he had won it for his side when he nodded in from close range late on, only for VAR to detect that Ronaldo was offside, before Conceicao won it in stoppage time.

Manchester City star Bernardo said: "Of course games in these competitions are never easy and we played against a team that gave us great difficulties.

"They defended low in many moments but with a lot of resilience.

"But in the second half, with the changes, we put more players in the area. In the first half there were too few players in the area to finish the chances. Chico [Conceicao], Jota, Neto, when they came in, they especially gave us that."

Bernardo's comments should not be seen as a lack of support for national icon Ronaldo, who was cheered by Portugal fans and jeered by Czech supporters – with chants of 'Messi' aimed in his direction – but they show the issue facing Martinez over starting him at No.9.

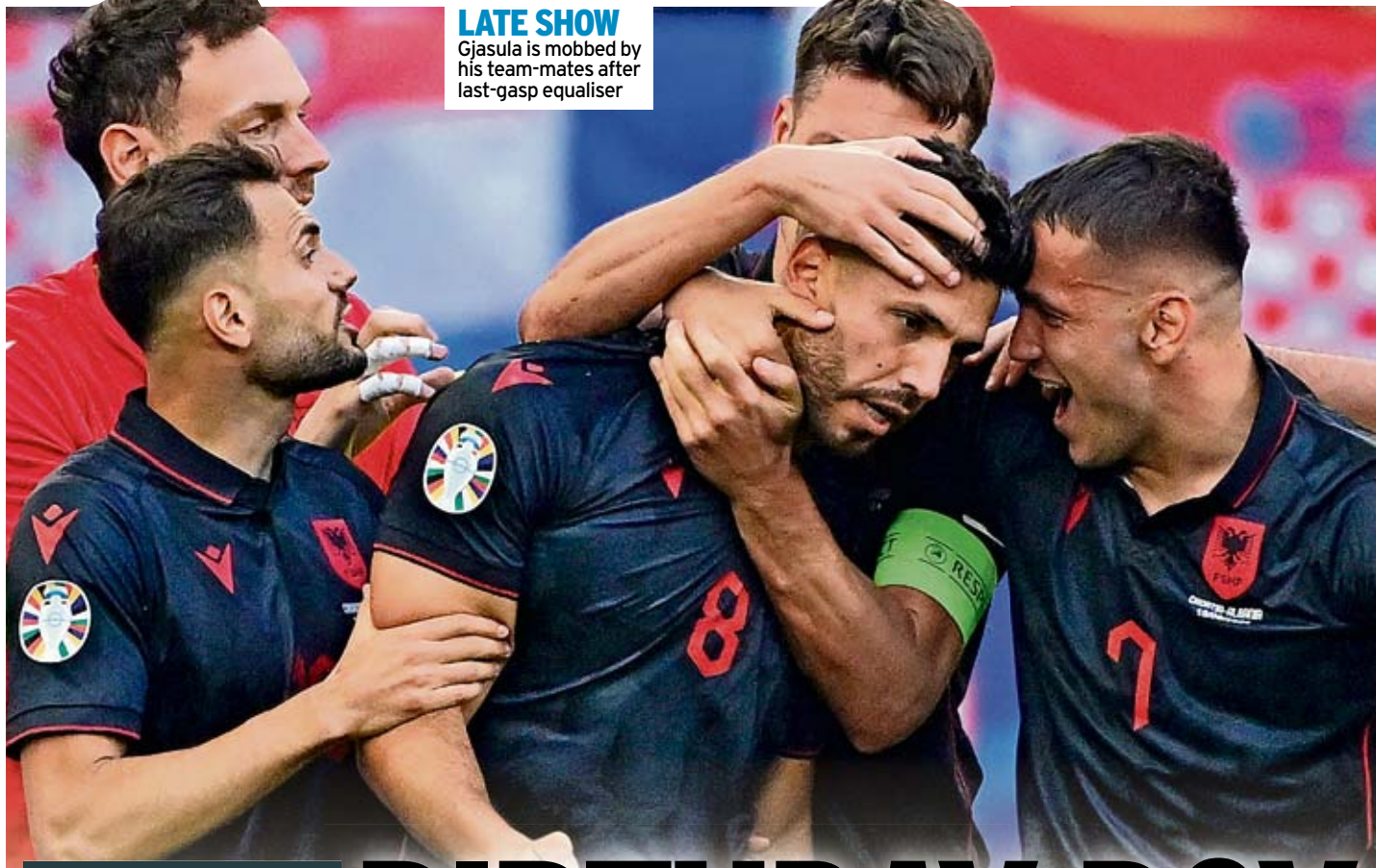
The former Wigan and Everton manager insists he is happy with the forward, but such are Portugal's attacking riches that there is a growing feeling they may be better off trying something different.

Euro 2016-winning coach Fernando Santos did just that at the Qatar World Cup, dropping a furious Ronaldo for Paris Saint-Germain forward Goncalo Ramos for the last-16 clash with Switzerland.

Ramos scored a hat-trick in a 6-1 win, with Ronaldo benched again for the 1-0 defeat by Morocco in the last eight. Santos was dismissed five days later.

Martinez publicly backed Ronaldo before the tournament and the former Manchester United man is set to keep his place for the clash with Turkey on Saturday, with ex-Old Trafford team-mate Diogo Dalot confident he will deliver.

"Cristiano is very well, very concentrated," said Dalot. "He's very well physically and he's always ready to score goals."

HAND THE BATON
Ronaldo may no longer be the best option for Portugal

LATE SHOW
Gjasula is mobbed by his team-mates after last-gasp equaliser

GROUP B

CROATIA	**2**	Kramaric 74, Gjasula 76 og
ALBANIA	**2**	Laci 11, Gjasula 90+5

BIRTHDAY BOY SICK AFTER KLAUS PARTY

Kramaric left with nothing to celebrate

BY **MIKE WALTERS**

ON a rollicking afternoon offering more entertainment than Hamburg's Reeperbahn itself, Klaus Gjasula became the first substitute to score at both ends in Euros history.

And as Albania's wonderful noise pollution society celebrated an equaliser clocked at 4mins 23secs into stoppage time, Andrej Kramaric's 33rd birthday party fell flat.

The former Leicester striker's 29th international goal should have been the catalyst to jump-start Croatia's Euro 2024 campaign.

But they will need at least a point against Italy on Monday night to survive the group stage, and midfield royalty Luka Modric's body language on the final whistle suggested it is the end of the road for an ageing side, whose run to the 2018 World Cup final is a distant memory.

Kramaric said: "I didn't imagine we would be celebrating my birthday in such a disappointing way.

"It would have been much nicer if we had taken all three points and it was like that until the last seconds.

"We know what's ahead of us now. We always have to solve things the hardest way possible, struggling and fighting until the last second.

"Let it be that way this time, too, and, God willing, we have the luck to advance from this group."

Albania, who shocked Italy after 23 seconds on Saturday and gave Croatia a chasing for 45 minutes, deserve all the plaudits. Their final group match is a daunting task against Spain but Qazim Laci, who gave them another early lead, refuses to be counted out. Laci said: "We are never going to give up and will try our best against Spain. I would consider it as a final."

CROATIA		ALBANIA
60%	POSSESSION	40%
5	SHOTS ON TARGET	7
8	SHOTS OFF TARGET	2
3	CORNERS	1
0	OFFSIDE	1
15	FOULS	11
0 1	CARDS	3 0

Referee: Francois Letexier (FRA)

And Albania coach Sylvinho, the ex-Arsenal full-back, said: "We had opportunities to win the game and, if there had been more minutes, we could have done more."

The only dark note on a sunlit thriller was alleged chants of "Kill, kill the Serb" in a depressing throwback to Balkan sectarianism.

But the football was spicy enough, Laci heading Albania in front after 11 minutes from Jasir Asani's cross, although Croatia goalkeeper Dominik Livakovic's mortgage-style effort to keep it out – going down in instalments – was arthritic.

Livakovic did redeem himself with smothering saves from Kristjan Asllani and Watford flop Rey Manaj as listless Croatia took 50 minutes to register a shot on target.

But two goals in three minutes turned the contest on its head.

Kramaric finally broke Albania's stout resistance, giving goalkeeper Thomas Strakosha the eye and threading his shot through Elseid Hysaj's legs to equalise after 74 minutes.

Then, just 147 seconds later, Gjasula's freakish own-goal from Croatia substitute Ante Budimir's low cross seemed to be ushering the Kuquzinjte – Red and Blacks – towards the exit.

But five minutes into added time, Gjasula redeemed himself by sweeping a cool finish into the corner from 12 yards to send boss Sylvinho charging down the touchline in manic celebration.

AL OF A BLOW
Kramaric was gutted after seeing Albania draw level at the end

UEFA EURO 2024 RESULTS

GROUP A
GERMANY · HUNGARY · SCOTLAND · SWITZERLAND

- GERMANY 5 (Wirtz 20, Musiala 19, Havertz 45+1 pen, Fulljrug 68, Can 90+3) – SCOTLAND 1 (Rudiger 87 og)
- HUNGARY 1 (Varga 66) – SWITZERLAND 3 (Duah 12, Aebischer 45, Embolo 90+3)
- GERMANY 2 (Musiala 22, Gundogan 67) – HUNGARY 0
- SCOTLAND 1 (McTominay 13) – SWITZERLAND 1 (Shaqiri 26)
- SWITZERLAND – GERMANY: Frankfurt Arena, SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)
- SCOTLAND – HUNGARY: Stuttgart Arena, SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GROUP B
SPAIN · ITALY · CROATIA · ALBANIA

- SPAIN 3 (Morata 29, Ruiz 32, Carvajal 45+2) – CROATIA 0
- ITALY 2 (Bastoni 11, Barella 16) – ALBANIA 1 (Bajrami 1)
- CROATIA 2 (Kramaric 74, Gjasula 76 og) – ALBANIA 2 (Laci 11, Gjasula 90+5)
- SPAIN – ITALY: Arena AufSchalke, TODAY, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)
- CROATIA – ITALY: Leipzig Stadium, MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)
- ALBANIA – SPAIN: Düsseldorf Arena, MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GROUP C
SLOVENIA · DENMARK · SERBIA · ENGLAND

- SLOVENIA 1 (Janza 77) – DENMARK 1 (Eriksen 17)
- SERBIA 0 – ENGLAND 1 (Bellingham 13)
- SLOVENIA – SERBIA: Munich Football Arena, TODAY, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)
- DENMARK – ENGLAND: Frankfurt Arena, TODAY, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)
- ENGLAND – SLOVENIA: Cologne Stadium, TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)
- DENMARK – SERBIA: Munich Football Arena, TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

GROUP D
POLAND · AUSTRIA · HOLLAND · FRANCE

- POLAND 1 (Buksa 16) – HOLLAND 2 (Gakpo 29, Weghorst 83)
- AUSTRIA 0 – FRANCE 1 (Wober 38 og)
- POLAND – AUSTRIA: Olympiastadion Berlin, FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)
- HOLLAND – FRANCE: Leipzig Stadium, FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)
- HOLLAND – AUSTRIA: Olympiastadion Berlin, TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)
- FRANCE – POLAND: BVB Stadion Dortmund, TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

GROUP E
BELGIUM · ROMANIA · SLOVAKIA · UKRAINE

- ROMANIA 3 (Stanciu 29, Marin 53, Dragus 57) – UKRAINE 0
- BELGIUM 0 – SLOVAKIA 1 (Schranz 7)
- SLOVAKIA – UKRAINE: Düsseldorf Arena, FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)
- BELGIUM – ROMANIA: Cologne Stadium, SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)
- SLOVAKIA – ROMANIA: Frankfurt Arena, WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)
- UKRAINE – BELGIUM: Stuttgart Arena, WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

GROUP F
TURKEY · PORTUGAL · GEORGIA · CZECH REP

- TURKEY 3 (Muldur 25, Guler 65, Akturkoglu 90+7) – GEORGIA 1 (Mikautadze 32)
- PORTUGAL 2 (Hranac 69 og, Conceicao 90+2) – CZECH REP 1 (Provod 62)
- GEORGIA – CZECH REP: Volksparkstadion Hamburg, SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)
- TURKEY – PORTUGAL: BVB Stadion Dortmund, SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)
- CZECH REP – TURKEY: Volksparkstadion Hamburg, WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)
- GEORGIA – PORTUGAL: Arena AufSchalke, WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

GROUP A TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Switzerland	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Scotland	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
Hungary	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

GROUP B TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Italy	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Albania	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Croatia	2	0	1	1	2	5	1

GROUP C TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Denmark	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Slovenia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP D TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
France	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Poland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Austria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP E TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Slovakia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Belgium	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ukraine	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP F TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Portugal	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Czech rep	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Georgia	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

ROUND OF 16

- GAME 37: 1A V 2C — BVB Stadion Dortmund SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)
- GAME 38: 2A 2B — Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 5PM (Berlin)
- GAME 39: 1B V 3A/D/E/F — Cologne Stadium SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 8PM (Cologne)
- GAME 40: 1C V 3D/E/F — Arena AufSchalke SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 5PM (Gelsenkirchen)
- GAME 41: 1F V 3A/B/C — Frankfurt Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 8PM (Frankfurt)
- GAME 42: 2D V 2E — Düsseldorf Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 5PM (Dusseldorf)
- GAME 43: 1E V 3A/B/C/D — Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 5PM (Munich)
- GAME 44: 1D V 2F — Leipzig Stadium TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 8PM (Leipzig)

QUARTER-FINALS

- GAME 45: W39 V W37 — Stuttgart Arena FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 5PM (Stuttgart)
- GAME 46: W41 V W42 — Volksparkstadion Hamburg FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 8PM (Hamburg)
- GAME 47: W43 V W44 — Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)
- GAME 48: W40 W38 — Düsseldorf Arena SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 5PM (Düsseldorf)

SEMI-FINALS

- GAME 49: W45 V W46 — Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 9, KICK-OFF 8PM (Munich)
- GAME 50: W47 V W48 — BVB Stadion Dortmund WEDNESDAY JULY 10, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)

FINAL

- GAME 51: WINNER 49 WINNER 50 — Olympiastadion Berlin SUNDAY JULY 14, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)

EURO REWIND

BBC legend was awestruck by Platini's dramatic late winner

MAGIC MICHEL LEFT MOTTY SPEECHLESS

HERO OF THE HOUR Platini cannot contain his joy as he runs away to celebrate the 119th-minute goal that took France into the Euro 1984 final

FRANCE 3 PORTUGAL 2

Euro 1984 semi-final: Stade Velodrome, Marseille, Saturday, June 23

PARDON our French but as they stood on the brink of elimination from their own tournament, Les Bleus must have had an impending sense of deja vu.

Two years earlier, across the border in Spain, they were the victims of one of the great football heists of all time at the hands of West Germany.

The famous World Cup semi-final headlines of Harald Schumacher's 'assault' that sent Patrick Battiston to hospital, and the goalkeeper subsequently turning into his side's hero in the penalty shoot-out, had almost overlooked the fact that even without their injured defender, France were 3-1 ahead with 22 minutes of extra-time to play.

After years of living in the shadows of their neighbours, Les Bleus had come that close to a World Cup final only for the Germans to deny them on a night of controversy and drama.

Now, on their own soil in 1984, it was about to happen again. In a game they had dominated, France found themselves 2-1 down, again in extra-time, with six minutes left.

This time, however, their own heroes were about to emerge.

Jean-Francois Domergue had given France the lead before Portugal goalkeeper Manuel Bento kept his side in the game with fine saves from Luis Fernandez, Michel Platini and Alain Giresse.

Rui Jordao headed home with 16 minutes left, against the run of play.

Bento, two days short of his 36th birthday, then performed superbly to foil Platini and Didier Six and the teams went into extra-time. Jordao's second, after 98 minutes, sent a shiver down the spines of the home supporters.

But just as time looked to be running out, Domergue levelled with six minutes to go.

Then came the moment that changed a nation's fortunes.

With penalties one minute away, Jean Tigana got to the byline, pulled the ball back and there was Platini, cool as you like, to control and fire into the net – causing iconic BBC commentator John Motson to almost lose his voice. France went on to beat Spain 2-0 in the final, Platini scoring his ninth goal of the tournament to end up as top scorer. Their fans have since become accustomed to winning major trophies but this was where they exorcised the demons and laid the path for future success.

On that momentous semi-final, Platini said: "We should have been leading 2-0 or 3-0 but they made it 1-1 and then 2-1.

"We got into the last six minutes of extra-time and we had tremendous will to win, especially as Jean Tigana told us he had never won a penalty shoot-out. We knew we had to avoid going to penalties."

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■ **WILL POWER:** Sweet William should love the trip in the Gold Cup

HOT ROD ROARS BACK TO HIS BEST

■ by MELISSA JONES

AUGUSTE RODIN bounced back in style to land the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot yesterday.

Last year's Derby hero had been beaten on both starts this year.

But he was too good under Ryan Moore in the day two feature, holding off French duo Zarakem and Horizon Dore for a sixth Group One victory.

Ryan Guste the ticket: Pages 8-9

■ by JASON HEAVEY

SWEET WILLIAM (4.25) can spring a surprise in today's Gold Cup at Royal Ascot.

The five-year-old has been crying out for a proper test of stamina and the 2m 4f marathon trip could see him take his performance to another level.

Rab Havlin (***below***) steered him to a clever success at Sandown on his latest start and will ride him to swoop hard and late. At 18-1 he is a bit of value against Aidan O'Brien's 2022 winner **Kyprios**, who has been backed as if defeat is not an option and arrives after a perfect prep with two cosy victories. He looks pretty bombproof but is no value at odds of 11-10.

Coltrane was chinned last year by Courage Mon Ami and has sound each-way claims at an attractive 14-1.

Last year's St Leger fifth **Gregory** is a contender if he stays, with the same applying to **Vauban** and **Trawlerman**.

Heavey's tips: Pages 2-3

KING WILLIAM

Rab can cause Gold shock with Sweet success

PAGE NUMBERS

Page Fuller, lead analyst for RaceiQ, looks at some of the big racing stories with an eye on the data

THE first thing that struck me when looking at the betting market for today's Gold Cup was the price of **COLTRANE (4.25)**.

Yes, he has fallen short at Group One level thus far, and signed off last season in below-par form, but I think his run in the Sagaro Stakes at this track in May suggests he is back to his best.

He won the last two runnings of the Sagaro, but his win this year was far more impressive according to the data.

In 2023, Rajinsky set very steady fractions in front and Coltrane did well to quicken up to win. This year, Oisin Murphy (*right*) made sure he wouldn't be at any risk of the same and set his stall out from the front, just holding on from Caius Chorister.

Even though the winning margin wasn't as impressive, the time of 3min 31.42 secs was just over six seconds quicker than last year's race.

Based on his second in the Gold Cup last year where he only just failed, the marathon trip is not a problem and I think he'll go very close again.

It seems mad to suggest that a seven-year-old could have improvement left in him, but his winning time at this track last month definitely suggests that he does.

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HIGH KAL-IBRE: Kalpana looks like a class act in the Ribblesdale Stakes

Race-by-race guide to day three at Ascot

2.30 NORFOLK STAKES (GROUP 2) CLASS 1 | 5F

MOVING FORCE is a value punt against Aidan O'Brien's short-priced hotpot Whistlejacket in the day three opener.

The favourite has been backed as if defeat is out of the question and could touch odds-on by the off.

He should win if the hype is to be believed but his price holds no appeal to this tipster.

Moving Force has done pretty much everything right in two runs for Richad Fahey (*right*) – winning at Beverley and then being chinned by Shareholder back at the East Yorkshire track when trying to concede 7lb.

That was a massive effort and I fancy Moving Force to exact revenge off level weights.

Shareholder is around 6-1 while Moving Force is 25-1 in places.

Wesley Ward's Saturday Flirt has been well backed although is hard to weigh up, while Aesterius did everything easily on his debut and is respected.

Another contender is Milford who scooted home on debut and should be better suited by the faster ground.

Fahey also runs Loom who won well at Ripon after a promising debut. He is also worth an each-way interest under the excellent Billy Garritty.

TIP: MOVING FORCE
EACH-WAY: Loom

3.05 KING GEORGE V STAKES (HERITAGE HANDICAP) CLASS 2 | 1M 3F 211Y

WARDA JAMILA can spring a surprise and give Oisin Murphy another winner at the meeting.

The filly was an impressive scorer at the Berkshire track over two furlongs less in May despite racing keenly.

She was edged out in a blanket finish at Hamilton over a shorter trip but she is a half sister to Coltrane so the step up to 1m 4f should suit.

It is a puzzle why Warda Jamila is such a big price (28-1) but she'll do for me.

Going The Distance has been well backed and was impressive at Kempton on his latest start although the quick ground would be a bit of a concern. French Duke has changed hands since a solid second at Newbury and is unexposed, while Fouroneohfever is a big unit who is going the right way.

Aidan O'Brien runs four and jockey plans suggests Chantilly is his main hope.

I fancy that there is more to come from East India Dock under Hollie Doyle (*left*).

He dotted up at Salisbury before staying on to be second at Doncaster and is worth a small each-way interest.

TIP: WARDA JAMILA
EACH-WAY: East India Dock

3.45 RIBBLESDALE STAKES (GROUP 2) CLASS 1 | 1M 3F 211Y

KALPANA is fancied to come out on top in a classy renewal of this famous old Group Two race.

Andrew Balding (*below*) loves this filly and her 10-length win in a Newmarket handicap in April marked her out as a force to be reckoned with.

She backed that up with a close second to Friendly Soul in the Pretty Polly Stakes – the pair 12 lengths clear of the third.

The extra two furlongs should bring about more improvement and Oisin Murphy is the right man on top.

Diamond Rain has done everything right in winning both her starts but is very short in what looks a deep race. You Got To Me was fourth in the Oaks and if Hector Crouch can get to the front in the early stages she will ensure a strong gallop. She could take some passing as she is very tough although she may set the race up for Kalpana.

Forest Fairy was strongly fancied to win the Oaks but was disappointing and gets a chance for redemption, while Danielle and Siyola from the Gosden yard are both players.

Lava Stream is two from two and is an each-way bet at 25-1.

TIP: KALPANA
EACH-WAY: Lava Stream

KING FOR A DAY: King's Gambit is a banker, while Warda Jamila (*left*) is also fancied

PULLOUT FOR ROYAL ASCOT

PUNTERS' PAL

JASON HEAVEY
OFFICIALLY... 2023 BRITAIN'S BEST TIPSTER

5.05 BRITANNIA STAKES HERITAGE HANDICAP
CLASS 2 | 1M

NATIVE WARRIOR is the choice in a humdinger of a handicap.

Karl Burke (*below*) has spoken up the chance of this son of Wootton Bassett who has only won a modest Nottingham maiden. However, he did it in the style of a progressive horse and his previous runs mark him out as a potentially well handicapped animal.

Native Warrior was a close fourth to Classic winner Notable Speech at Kempton on his first start of 2024.

He has since been snapped up by Wathnan Racing and 16-1 is a fair price in a race where there are so many progressive three-year-olds. Among them is Ed Bethell's Mickley who has won his last two and looks far better than his handicap mark.

Hugo Palmer's Watcha Matey has bolted up in his last two races and will relish every yard of the stiff mile under Colin Keane while Skukuza is another big player under Will Buick.

Brian Meehan's Monkey Island sprang an 80-1 shock at Newbury although it was no surprise to his trainer and he sneaks in at the bottom of the weights and is my each-way fancy under Harry Davies. He has been nibbled at but is generally 25-1.

TIP: NATIVE WARRIOR
EACH-WAY: Monkey Island

5.40 HAMPTON COURT STAKES (GROUP 3)
CLASS 1 | 1M 1F 212Y

KING'S GAMBIT is most people's idea of one of the bankers of the meeting.

His victory by four lengths in the London Gold Cup at Newbury – one of the best three-year-old handicaps of the season – marked him out as a horse of pattern race ability.

This contest seems the perfect fit and he is fancied to repel some strong rivals under William Buick (*right*).

First Look is rated 9lb above King's Gambit based on his French Derby second but there are doubts he can repeat that form on much faster ground.

Bracken's Laugh has been laid out for this contest since his second in the Dee Stakes at Chester and is a beast of big potential.

Unusually, Aidan O'Brien fires just one bullet in the shape of Portland who won a Listed race at Leopardstown and who is coming back in trip. Big price hunters could be tempted by Al Musmak if he can recapture his two year old form.

He flopped in the Dante but should take a big step forward and 18-1 is a tempting each-way angle.

TIP: KING'S GAMBIT
EACH-WAY: Al Musmak

4.25 GOLD CUP (GROUP 1)
CLASS 1 | 2M 3F 210Y

SEE FRONT COVER

6.15 BUCKINGHAM PALACE STAKES HANDICAP
CLASS 2 | 7F

CARRYTHEONE (nap) gets the vote in another mind-bogglingly tricky handicap.

Formerly trained in Ireland by Johnny Murtagh where he had some very useful form and was rated as high as 106, the seven-year-old is now with Michael Bell (*right*).

He showed plenty of promise in his first two runs for Bell and then came good with victory at Newmarket despite finding trouble in running.

The hurly burly of the big field should suit and Pat Dobbs will be trying to weave a passage, but his 20-1 odds will do for me.

Northern Express (6lb worse off this year) and Bopedro both ran well in this race last year. The latter is 5lb lower in the handicap and appeals more as an each-way play.

English Oak has been strongly supported but holds no appeal at 5-1 in a race where the runners will need more luck than a Lottery winner.

Others who appeal are Percy's Lad – another who ran well last year – although he is drawn one which may not help. Gorak has come down the weights and very much appeals as an each-way play at 28-1.

TIP: CARRYTHEONE
EACH-WAY: Gorak

CLASS ACT: Elmalka

EL OUT TO BACK UP GUINEAS

■ by JASON HEAVEY

ROGER VARIAN'S 1,000 Guineas heroine Elmalka is set to face nine rivals in the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot tomorrow.

The daughter of Kingman was a surprise winner of last month's Classic at Newmarket and gets the chance to prove that victory was no fluke.

The likely favourite is the Aidan O'Brien-trained Opera Singer, who can be expected to improve from her third in the Irish 1,000 Guineas on what was her belated reappearance. The Ballydoyle handler also runs outsider and possible pacemaker Content.

Donnacha O'Brien's Porta Fortuna and Christopher Head's Ramatuelle both reoppose Elmalka after finishing second and third at Newmarket, while the latter is joined on the trip across the Channel by Francis-Henri Graffard's French Guineas winner Rouhiya.

A field of 15 sprinters has been declared for the other Group One on the penultimate day of Royal Ascot, the Commonwealth Cup, with Kevin Ryan's Inisherin and the Karl Burke-trained Elite Status heading the betting.

SPEECH IS A PUZZLER

■ by JASON HEAVEY

NOTABLE SPEECH is "absolutely fit and well" despite surrendering his unbeaten record in Tuesday's St James's Palace Stakes – with Godolphin bosses confident the 2,000 Guineas winner will "bounce back".

Sent off the 6-4 favourite for Royal Ascot's opening-day feature, the Charlie Appleby-saddled colt beat just one of his eight rivals home behind Rosallion.

"I spoke to Charlie and all the indications are that he's absolutely fit and well, so it's a bit of a headscratcher," said Godolphin chief operating officer Hugh Anderson. "He's confident he will bounce back."

BOXING CLEVER

Callum forging own path to TV stardom

WITH two dedicated channels and weekly coverage on ITV, racing has a wealth of broadcasting talent.

But few of the faces in front of the cameras look like Callum Helliwell, a 27-year-old from East Sussex who in a short period as a Sky Sports Racing presenter has gone a long way to proving he is no 'diversity hire'.

His interest in the sport was sparked in childhood and he had ambitions to be a jockey, but switched his attention to racing broadcasting after studying journalism at uni.

Callum, who is part of the Sky Sports Racing team at Royal Ascot this week, WAS grilled by JON LEES in this exclusive Q&A.

1 When did you first become interested in horse racing?

I HAVE been horse mad for as long as I can remember and, despite neither of my parents being keen on horse riding, I started riding lessons aged five. It wasn't long before I discovered Channel 4 Racing on Saturday afternoon. From that moment on I caught the racing bug.

2 When did you develop an ambition to get into racing broadcasting?

I WANTED to become a jockey and I was fortunate enough to ride out pointers for Di Grissell in East Sussex, but I wasn't able to manage my weight well enough to make it as a profession. I have a background in drama and musical theatre and a passion for journalism and telling people's stories. I was keen to combine all of those elements with my love of racing.

3 What did you do to set about trying to achieve your goal?

I WENT to the University of Gloucestershire to study journalism at their campus in Cheltenham. It was the best decision I ever made as the course was brilliant and it instilled in me the confidence that I could make a career in the world of racing journalism. Once completing my degree I was selected to be part of the BHA's Graduate Development Programme and from there I've worked in many different facets of our amazing industry including foaling at the National Stud, yearling prep in New Zealand and bid spotting at Goffs. All of those experiences have been crucial to me becoming the broadcaster I am today.

4 What challenges did you meet along the way?

I HONESTLY think the biggest challenge has been navigating the world of work after graduating from university. I think it's an issue that isn't widely spoken about but I'll be the first to admit that I found it challenging. I had a tough time in my graduate job at Great British Racing and, looking back on it now, I can confirm that I wasn't the best employee! I was still in 'uni mode', turning up late, making jokes at the wrong time and thinking that I already knew everything. It was no surprise I wasn't offered a job at the end of the placement!

5 Did you encounter any barriers because of your ethnicity?

I ALWAYS knew I'd have to work twice as hard as some of my counterparts in racing because of my skin colour and lack of racing connections. It probably wasn't until a few months ago that I acknowledged how much hard work I had to put in to get to where I am. I'm grateful for every role I've had as each one has shaped me into the broadcaster I am today, but I do sometimes find myself thinking, "If I didn't look the way I do and come from a non-racing background, would it have been this tough?"

6 How/when did you start at Sky?

I WAS one of three people featured in the Uncomfortable Race documentary highlighting racing's lack of acknowledgment of the Black Lives Matter movement after the murder of George Floyd. While many other sports had acknowledged the movement, racing continued to operate as if nothing had changed. I took part in the documentary to highlight that racing, a sport proud of its level of diversity within its stable staff population, needed to do more to support those diverse employees rather than ignore them. Following on from the documentary I was offered a role as a full-time researcher with Sky Sports Racing.

7 How much do you enjoy it and what have been your best/favourite moments?

HONESTLY, I'm living the dream. I feel so blessed to do what I do for work. I have to pinch myself at times when I'm interviewing people I was watching on TV only a few years ago.

8 How well do you think you have been received by racing/viewers?

I thought it was fascinating to see the differing responses to my first appearance on Sky Sports Racing. There was a huge amount of positivity but unsurprisingly there were a small number of people who thought I was a "diversity hire" or "a box-ticking exercise". I am grateful for those across social media who informed that minority about all the work I'd completed before I ever got the role at Sky.

9 What is your aim/ambition now?

I WANT to improve. I'm desperate to be the best I can be and I'm always looking for ways I can improve my broadcasting. Careers-wise I've always said that I'd love to be a part of the Grand National coverage on terrestrial television. That would be a dream come true.

10 What do you think racing can do better to improve diversity?

OPENING our sport to a wider customer base can only be a good thing as it will mean more people coming racing and more money going back into our sport. One change I've suggested is having "quiet zones" on racecourses during festivals. These spaces would be alcohol and betting-free and purely focused on the racing. Bobby Beevers and Autism In Racing have already proved that spaces like this can be created on racecourses with their incredible sensory pop-ups. I'd love to see a space where people who felt uncomfortable around alcohol and betting could still enjoy a day at the races.

SCREEN SUCCESS: Callum Helliwell has been a big hit with TV viewers. Right, on duty for Sky Sports Racing

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Express on fast track to success for Dods

NORTHERN POWERHOUSE

VIEW FROM THE COUCH

By Mark Winstanley

HAVING finished second on his racecourse bow over six furlongs at the Curragh in April, **WHISTLEJACKET (2.30)** made no mistake when bolting up over this afternoon's trip by nearly four lengths at the same course a month later.

Aidan O'Brien has been very positive about his chances in the lead up to the Norfolk Stakes run over five furlongs at Ascot, so take the strong steer and lump on. I'm all in at 6-4, and you will see a fat bloke in a 1996 England shirt walking the streets of Locksbottom if Whistlejacket fails to do the business.

Ralph Beckett saddled a nice winner at Doncaster on Sunday, which leads me to believe that **PONIROS (3.05)** will go very adjacent in the King George V Handicap over a mile and a half.

This son of Golden Horn will relish the step up in trip having finished runner-up off a mark of 88 in the London Gold Cup at Newbury last month. The fourth, Persica, has franked the form when obliging at Epsom, so Poniros looks a well-handicapped beast racing off a ledge of 92.

Unbeaten in two starts this season, **DIAMOND RAIN (3.45)** looks a good thing in the Ribblesdale Stakes run over a mile and a half and confined to three-year-old fillies.

On her last trip to the belts and braces, Charlie Appelby's lady hacked up by just over two lengths in a Listed affair at Newbury in May over a mile and a quarter from Ejaabiyah, and that filly won by half the track at Salisbury on Sunday.

Four-year-olds have been responsible for nine of the last dozen winner of the Gold Cup run over two and a half miles, so snap up the 6-1 each-way about **GREGORY (4.25)**.

John Gosden's beast landed the Queen's Vase over a mile and six furlongs at last year's meeting, and he ran a corker when third in the Yorkshire Cup 34 days ago on his seasonal reappearance.

He will strip fitter this afternoon and did a sparkling piece of work under today's pilot James Doyle on the Limekilns recently.

The hardest race to work out all week is the Britannia Stakes run over the straight mile. **QIRAT (5.05)** obliged over seven furlongs at Goodwood in May when rated 88, so the assessor has been very fair in only nudging the superbly bred Juddmonte horse up to a ledge of 92.

Drawn in stall 29 of 30, he has the advantage of racing under the stands side rail, so back him with a layer paying at least six places.

Will Buick had an armchair ride when **KING'S GAMBIT (5.40)** hacked up by four lengths at Newbury 33 days ago, so it's no surprise the champion jockey retains his partnership with him when they rock up in the Hampton Court Stakes run over ten furlongs and confined to three-year-olds.

Harry Charlton reports the son of Saxon Warrior in great heart at Beckhampton, so 5-2 looks a very fair price to my fading eyesight. He has a great draw in stall seven of 12, as Buick can get cover without being trapped on the inside.

Having finished fourth in last year's renewal of the Buckingham Palace Handicap run over seven furlongs when rated 102, **NORTHERN EXPRESS (6.15)** will carry my each-way wonga at 16-1 with a benevolent firm paying at least six places.

Michael Dods' very consistent creature ran his usual game race when second of 17 at York last month, so he comes here in great heart.

GEM OF A BET: Diamond Rain looks a good thing in the Ribblesdale

GO NORTH: Northern Express should be backed in the Buckingham Palace Stakes. Gregory (***right***) is the Gold Cup selection

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JASON HEAVEY		STAR TIP
Moving Force	2.30	Whistlejacket
Warda Jamila	3.05	Gallantly
Kalpana	3.45	You Got To Me (nb)
Sweet William (trb)	4.25	Coltrane
Native Warrior (nb)	5.05	Mickley
King's Gambit	5.40	King's Gambit (nap)
Carrytheone (nap)	6.15	Bopedro

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

JACKPOT AND PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

TRACKFACTS Right-handed galloping track of 1m 6f, straight mile, stiff uphill finish. Stalls today Straight Centre; Round Inside.
TOP TRAINERS (with runners) J & T Gosden 42 winners, (15.1% strike rate), -£29.68, A Balding 34, (10.6%), -£72.05, W Haggas 29, (13.2%), -£71.82, R Varian 27, (12.9%), -£7.71, C Appleby 24, (15.1%), -£37.13, A P O'Brien 20, (9.1%), -£104.08, R Hannon 20, (7.4%), +£29.06, E Walker 17, (14.2%), -£20.59, C Cox 15, (10.0%), +£105.51, C Hills 14, (12.6%), +£87.21, K R Burke 11, (13.1%), +£30.76, R Beckett 11, (8.0%), -£49.10, E J-Houghton 10, (12.0%), +£1.70, C Fellowes 10, (11.6%), +£79.00.
TOP JOCKEYS (with mounts) Ryan Moore 33 winners, (12.0% strike rate), -£101.87, Jim Crowley 32, (14.8%), +£4.05, Oisin Murphy 28, (12.6%), -£50.42, William Buick 27, (12.1%), -£9.04, Tom Marquand 21, (8.6%), -£15.64, Hollie Doyle 18, (10.7%), +£50.96, Daniel Tudhope 14, (9.2%), +£22.50, James Doyle 13, (6.8%), -£100.75, Rossa Ryan 13, (11.1%), +£139.00, Saffie Osborne 12, (15.0%), +£21.08, David Probert 12, (8.3%), -£57.30, Kieran Shoemark 11, (10.1%), -£18.40.

2.30 NORFOLK STAKES (GROUP 2)
Class 1 2YO 5f (13 runners) £85,065

No	Form	Draw	Horse	Trainer / Age / Wt	Jockey	Rtg
1	1	(13)	**AESTERIUS (27)(D,G)**	A Watson 9 3	W Buick	92
2	121	(14)	**ARIZONA BLAZE (26)(D,G,S)**	A Murray (IRE) 9 3	David Egan	102
3	1	(3)	**BINADHAM (58)(D,F)**	K P De Foy 9 3	B Sayette	85
4	51	(9)	**BLINKY (23)(D,G)**	E Walker 9 3	T Marquand	87
5	1	(1)	**EVENING SAIGON (23)(D,S)**	M O'Callaghan (IRE) 9 3	DOUBTFUL	
6	01	(8)	**LOOM (15)(D,G)**	R Fahey 9 3	B Garritty	97
7	1	(12)	**MILFORD (22)(D,S)**	K R Burke 9 3	C Lee	96
8	12	(10)	**MOVING FORCE (12)(D,F)**	R Fahey 9 3	Oisin Orr	99
9	122	(5)	**ROCK HUNTER (28)(D,S)(P*)**	Miss A Murphy 9 3	S De Sousa	99
10	1	(4)	**SHAREHOLDER (12)(D,F)**	K R Burke 9 3	James Doyle	92
11	1	(7)	**THE MAN (52)(D,A)**	R Spencer 9 3	H Doyle	87
12	52	(2)	**TROPICAL STORM (46)**	A Balding 9 3	O Murphy	99
13	21	(11)	**WHISTLEJACKET (45)(D,S)**	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 3	R L Moore★	109
14	1	(6)	**SATURDAY FLIRT (55)(D,G)(B*)**	W A Ward (USA) 9 0	J Rosario	99

Star Betting: 11-10 Whistlejacket, 5 Shareholder, 7 Saturday Flirt, 10 Aesterius, 12 Arizona Blaze, 14 Milford, 20 Moving Force, Rock Hunter, Loom, Tropical Storm, 33 others.
2023: Valiant Force 9 3, Rossa Ryan 150-1 (A Murray(Ire)), drawn (5), 14 ran.
STARFORM: WHISTLEJACKET **DANGER:** Arizona

3.05 KING GEORGE V STAKES (HERITAGE HANDICAP)
Class 2 3YO 1m 4f (19 runners) £56,694

No	Form	Draw	Horse	Trainer / Age / Wt	Jockey	Rtg
1	01-341	(10)	**PERSICA (19)(A,G)**	R Hannon 9 9	S M Levey	105
2	412-63	(17)	**GASPER DE LEMOS (33)(BF**	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 6	D McMonagle	103
3	223-13	(7)	**CHANTILLY (33)(S)**	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 6	R L Moore	109
4	311-1	(18)	**GOING THE DISTANCE (71)(A,G,S)**	R Beckett 9 2	Rossa Ryan	104
5	14-1	(3)	**NAVAL FORCE (38)(S)**	Donnacha O'Brien (IRE) 9 1	G M Ryan	94
6	531	(6)	**GILDED WATER (20)(G)**	W Haggas 9 0	T Marquand	106
7	2310-2	(2)	**CITY BURGLAR (40)(G)**	R Beckett 9 0	S De Sousa	106
8	13-22	(14)	**PONIROS (33)(S)**	R Beckett 9 0	David Egan★	110
9	25-111	(13)	**FOURONEOHFEVER (26)(D2,A,G)**	G Boughey 8 12	Billy Loughnane	105
10	61-0	(5)	**KAMBOO (19)(A)**	R Hughes 8 11	R Kingscote	101
11	41-614	(4)	**WARDA JAMILA (18)(BF,C,G)**	A Balding 8 10	O Murphy	108
12	04-2	(12)	**FRENCH DUKE (34)**	R Varian 8 10	W Buick	104
13	02-21	(15)	**GALLANTLY (43)(G)**	A P O'Brien (IRE) 8 10	W M Lordan	105
14	1L3	(19)	**NESKI SHERELSKI (38)(A)**	J P O'Brien (IRE) 8 9	M Guyon	100
15	214-46	(8)	**GO DADDY (33)(S)**	W Muir & C Grassick 8 9	L Edmunds	107
16	52-3	(9)	**AUTUMN WINTER (74)(BF**	A P O'Brien (IRE) 8 8	J Crowley	102
17	441	(16)	**HIGHLAND BLING (13)(D,G)(P)**	J Harrington (IRE) 8 6	Miss Rachel King	101
18	L-6212	(1)	**EAST INDIA DOCK (19)(D,S)**	J Fanshawe 8 6	H Doyle	105
19	31-43	(20)	**ASSAILANT (64)(A)(B)**	J & T Gosden 8 5	S Osborne	103

Star Betting: 6 Chantilly, 7 Going The Distance, Poniros, 8 Gilded Water, French Duke, 10 Persica, Fouroneohfever, Kamboo, 14 others.
STARFORM: GALLANTLY **DANGER:** Kamboo

3.45 RIBBLESDALE STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 2)
Class 1 3YO 1m 4f (13 runners) £154,818

No	Form	Draw	Horse	Trainer / Age / Wt	Jockey	Rtg
1	3-213	(9)	**DANIELLE (40)(BF,S)**	J & T Gosden 9 2	K Shoemark	103
2	11	(2)	**DIAMOND RAIN (33)(C,G)**	C Appleby 9 2	W Buick	112
3	110	(4)	**FOREST FAIRY (20)(D,A,G)**	R Beckett 9 2	Rossa Ryan	104
4	43-1L	(8)	**HIGHER LEAVES (40)(A)**	H De Bromhead (IRE) 9 2	S Foley	94
5	012-33	(5)	**JE ZOUS (40)(BF,S)**	J P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2	D McMonagle	103
6	1212	(1)	**KALPANA (46)(BF,A,G)**	A Balding 9 2	O Murphy★	115
7	051-11	(6)	**LAVA STREAM (11)(G,S)(H)**	D O'Meara 9 2	D Tudhope	102
8	0-12	(10)	**PORT FAIRY (43)(A)(V*)**	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2	R L Moore	104
9	41	(7)	**QUEENS FORT (19)(D,A)**	J & T Gosden 9 2	R Havlin	90
10	3-220	(11)	**RUBIES ARE RED (20)**	A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2	W M Lordan	104
11	40125	(3)	**SHEEMA'S ROSE (18)(S)**	Mme A Karkosa (FR) 9 2	T Marquand	102
12	13	(13)	**SIYOLA (33)(G)**	J & T Gosden 9 2	James Doyle	106
13	15-14	(12)	**YOU GOT TO ME (20)(D,A,G)**	R Beckett 9 2	H Crouch	111

Star Betting: 7-4 Diamond Rain, 7 Kalpana, 15-2 You Got To Me, 8 Danielle, Port Fairy, 10 Forest Fairy, 12 Rubies Are Red, 14 Siyola, 20 others.
STARFORM: KALPANA **DANGER:** Diamond Rain

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Best bets for today's TV action from our experts

STARLORE (5.05) was a massive eyecatcher on his last run and should be backed in the Britannia Stakes on day three of Royal Ascot.

Sir Michael Stoute's (*right*) colt travelled like a tank on that handicap debut but got no sort of run in the Goodwood straight. In the end he did well to get close to Qirat, who reopposes today.

He very much looks like a well treated horse, and the straight mile will allow him to best use his strong finishing kick.

Chantilly is Aidan O'Brien's No.1 in the King George V Stakes but it is stablemate **GALLANTLY (3.05)** who gets the vote.

After three defeats he got his act together in a Chester maiden last time, staying on powerfully on his first try at 1m2f. He's up another two furlongs for this handicap debut and that promises to suit even more.

KALPANA (3.45) is improving fast and looks the value option in the Ribblesdale Stakes. She battered her rivals in a Newmarket handicap before a cracking effort in a Listed race last time, running into a smart one in Friendly Soul but pulling clear of the rest.

Kyprios dominated the staying scene two years ago but is he the same horse now? Two long odds-on victories this season are inconclusive and the percentage call is to look elsewhere for the Gold Cup winner.

Step forward **GREGORY (4.25)**, who won the Queen's Vase last year and shapes as though this extreme trip is exactly what he needs.

George Boughey must be the most in-form trainer in Britain right now and he can strike with **KOY KOY (6.15)** in the Buckingham Palace Stakes.

Badly hampered at Newmarket before failing to handle the Epsom camber, Koy Koy could have won both those races and this stiff seven furlongs should be ideal.

FAIRY TALE: Forest Fairy *(left)* and Port Fairy *(right)* – pictured going head-to-head in the Cheshire Oaks at Chester last month – resume rivalries in the Ribblesdale Stakes

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STAR POWER: Starlore can land the Britannia

4.25 GOLD CUP (GROUP 1) (BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES)

Class 1 2m 4f (10 runners) £368,615

1 (10) **COLTRANE (50)(CD,C2,F,G)(P)** 1L5-01 A Balding 7 9 4 .... O Murphy 119
2 (1) **ENEMY (42)(C,A,F,G)(T)** -21205 I Williams 7 9 4 .... R Kingscote 118
3 (8) **KYPRIOS (34)(CD,D,F,G,S)** /22-11 A P O'Brien (IRE) 6 9 4 .... R L Moore 126
4 (6) **PRYDWEN (53)(A,G)** 1-5211 G Scott 6 9 4 .... C Shepherd 118
5 (9) **SWEET WILLIAM (28)(F,G,S)(V)** 223-31 J & T Gosden 5 9 4 .... R Havlin 119
6 (3) **TRAWLERMAN (82)(C,A,F,G)(H)** 0111-3 J & T Gosden 6 9 4 .... W Buick★127
7 (4) **TRUESHAN (28)(C3,D2,A,G,S)** 114-43 A King 8 9 4 .... H Doyle 122
8 (5) **VAUBAN (34)(C,G,S)(T)** /110-2 W P Mullins (IRE) 6 9 4 .... C T Keane 123
9 (2) **GREGORY (34)(C,G)** 1135-3 J & T Gosden 4 9 3 .... James Doyle 119
10 (7) **CAIUS CHORISTER (28)(BF,F,G)** 231-22 D Menuisier 5 9 1 .... B Sayette 122

Star Betting: 4-5 Kyprios, 11-2 Gregory, 13-2 Vauban, 8 Trawlerman, 12 Caius Chorister, 14 Coltrane, 16 Sweet William, 33 Trueshan, 50 others.
STARFORM: GREGORY **DANGER:** Vauban

5.05 BRITANNIA STAKES (HERITAGE HANDICAP) (STR)

Class 2 3YO 1m (30 runners) £61,848

1 (23) **KING'S GAMBLE (19)(BF,G)** 13-2 R Beckett 9 9 .... D Tudhope 100
2 (28) **WHIP CRACKER (48)(A)** 21-23 R Hughes 9 8 .... J Crowley 103
3 (27) **FOLLOW ME (26)(G)** 445-11 R O'Sullivan (IRE) 9 7 .... S Foley 105
4 (24) **BERGAMASCO (75)(D3,A)** 35-115 J Davison (IRE) 9 6 .... DOUBTFUL
5 (22) **STARLORE (26)(G)** 14L-40 Sir M Stoute 9 5 .... R Kingscote 105
6 (6) **CUBAN TIGER (55)(D,A)** 1210L K R Burke 9 5 .... C Lee 105
7 (10) **WATCH MY TRACER (32)(A,F,G)(H*)** 03-106 G Scott 9 5 .... H Turner 105
8 (8) **BLUE LEMONS (26)(S)** 30-624 R Hannon 9 5 .... J P Spencer 108
9 (19) **INVOLVEMENT (26)(F)** 12-32 S & E Crisford 9 3 .... C Shepherd 106
10 (18) **BOBSLEIGH (302)(F)** 16050- E J-Houghton 9 3 .... C Bishop 105
11 (17) **DRAGON LEADER (26)(F,G)** 121-30 C Cox 9 2 .... K Shoemark 103
12 (9) **SON OF MAN (11)(G)** 035-02 J Chapple-Hyam 9 0 .... David Egan 111
13 (20) **WATCHA MATEY (19)(D,F,G)** 310-11 H Palmer 9 0 .... C T Keane 108
14 (21) **VERCORS (30)(S)(P*)** 4-1201 F Chappet (FR) 9 0 .... Aurelien Lemaitre 102
15 (1) **COGITATE (92)(G)** 15-2 C Hills 9 0 .... H Doyle 102
16 (5) **CRACKING GOLD (55)(A)** 1124 C Cox 8 13 .... Rossa Ryan 106
17 (33) **MISSION TO MOON (20)(BF,S)** 210-12 R Varian 8 13 .... O Murphy★112
18 (25) **DASHING DARCEY (12)(D3,A,G)** 1-2341 R Varian 8 13 .... S De Sousa 109
19 (29) **QIRAT (26)(A,G)** 312-1 R Beckett 8 13 .... H Crouch 107
20 (30) **ARCTIC THUNDER (41)(C,A,G)** 5-141 A Balding 8 13 .... D Probert 104
21 (3) **VOLTERRA (48)(D,G)** 431-1 K Ryan 8 12 .... N Callan 106
22 (2) **AIR COMMANDER (32)(BF,A)(V*)** 26-163 A P O'Brien (IRE) 8 11 .... R L Moore 108
23 (15) **MICKLEY (20)(A,G)** 43-11 E Bethell 8 11 .... C Rodriguez 107
24 (16) **SKUKUZA (34)(D,G)** 23-621 E Dunlop 8 11 .... W Buick 106
25 (31) **NATIVE WARRIOR (30)(D,G)** 32-41 K R Burke 8 11 .... James Doyle 109
26 (13) **SAFWAN (43)(A,S)** 314513 R Beckett 8 10 .... E Greatrex 102
27 (4) **MILETUS (45)(D,S)** 5-01 C Hills 8 10 .... DOUBTFUL
28 (26) **THE CAMDEN COLT (48)(F)** 052-23 R Hannon 8 10 .... S M Levey 108
29 (12) **MONKEY ISLAND (34)(G)** 00-1 B Meehan 8 10 .... H Davies 102
30 (11) **SIR LES PATTERSON (26)(A)** 31-1L Harry Eustace 8 9 .... Billy Loughnane 103
31 (32) **LAUTREC (34)(D,A)(B*)** 1-42 J & T Gosden 8 9 .... B Sayette 106
32 (7) **GREY CUBAN (19)(A)** 03-165 H Palmer 8 9 .... T Marquand 106

Star Betting: 10 Qirat, 12 Native Warrior, Mickley, Volterra, Starlore, Air Commander, 14 others.
STARFORM: STARLORE **DANGER:** Qirat

5.40 HAMPTON COURT STAKES (GROUP 3)

Class 1 3YO 1m 2f (12 runners) £85,065

1 (9) **AL MUSMAK (35)(C,G)** 1212-L R Varian 9 2 .... S De Sousa 113
2 (2) **BELLUM JUSTUM (19)(D,F,G)** 241-10 A Balding 9 2 .... O Murphy 111
3 (1) **BRACKEN'S LAUGH (42)(A,S)** 15-12 R Hughes 9 2 .... D Tudhope 117
4 (10) **CAVIAR HEIGHTS (35)(D,G)** 1L-316 K R Burke 9 2 .... C Lee 117
5 (3) **FIRST LOOK (18)(A)** 21-322 A Fabre (FR) 9 2 .... James Doyle★123
6 (12) **JAYAREBE (42)(BF,F,G)** 10-13 B Meehan 9 2 .... S M Levey 115
7 (7) **KING'S GAMBIT (33)(D,G)** 012-1 Harry Charlton 9 2 .... W Buick 118
8 (6) **PORTLAND (14)(G,S)** 43-241 A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2 .... R L Moore 112
9 (4) **SONS AND LOVERS (28)(F)** 1-33 J Chapple-Hyam 9 2 .... T Marquand 111
10 (11) **STROMBERG (25)** 115-22 J P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2 .... D McMonagle 107
11 (5) **TARAJ (39)(A)** 421-3 D K Weld (IRE) 9 2 .... David Egan 113
12 (8) **UNDER THE SUN (55)(F)(T)** 261-45 H Palmer 9 2 .... Rossa Ryan 111

Star Betting: 5-2 King's Gambit, 4 First Look, 6 Bracken's Laugh, 8 Jayarebe, Portland, 12 Sons And Lovers, 14 Bellum Justum, Caviar Heights, Taraj, 16 others.
2023: Waipiro 9 2, Tom Marquand 7-1 (E Walker), drawn (7), 16 ran.
STARFORM: TARAJ **DANGER:** King's Gambit

6.15 BUCKINGHAM PALACE STAKES (HANDICAP)

Class 2 7f (28 runners) £56,694

1 (32) **MAKE ME KING (33)(D,A,G)(P*)** 25-540 H Al Jehani (UAE) 4 9 12 .... W Buick 103
2 (18) **NORTHERN EXPRESS (35)(D5,F,G,S)** 02-502 M Dods 6 9 12 .... P Mulrennan 108
3 (22) **AWAAL (243)(BF,A,S)(T*)** 33030- S & E Crisford 5 9 11 .... DOUBTFUL 109
4 (21) **MOSTABSHIR (40)(A,F)(B)** 405-30 J & T Gosden 4 9 11 .... J Crowley 108
5 (23) **CARRYTHEONE (33)(D2,G)(H,T)** 66-001 M Bell 7 9 10 .... P Dobbs 108
6 (16) **BARADAR (26)(BF,CD,D4,G,S)(P,T)** 1L-540 G Boughey 6 9 10 .... David Egan 104
7 (29) **RHOSCOLYN (20)(D7,F,G,S)(T)** -L4061 D O'Meara 6 9 10 .... J P Spencer 110
8 (12) **ROPEY GUEST (40)(D2,A,F,G)(V)** 1062-5 G Margarson 7 9 9 .... T P Queally 107
9 (1) **PERCY'S LAD (41)(F,G)** 203-21 D & C Kubler 6 9 8 .... R Kingscote 107
10 (10) **TACARIB BAY (39)(D,A,S)(P)** 6-5000 R Hannon 5 9 8 .... Alec Voikhansky (3) 109
11 (26) **ENGLISH OAK (26)(D,F,S)** 302-21 E Walker 4 9 8 .... James Doyle★111
12 (9) **MR PROFESSOR (47)(A,F,S)** 126-10 D F Davis 5 9 7 .... S De Sousa 106
13 (2) **FINN'S CHARM (11)(D2,G)** 40-601 C Johnston (5lb ex) 4 9 7 .... J Fanning 107
14 (25) **ALZAHIR (41)(D,A,G)(H,T)** 2505-4 D O'Meara 4 9 5 .... D Tudhope 107
15 (24) **BOPEDRO (20)(D3,F,G,S)(V)** 400030 D O'Meara 8 9 5 .... Jason Watson 107
16 (11) **DARK THIRTY (20)(D2,G)** 36-130 R Hannon 4 9 5 .... S M Levey 109
17 (3) **GORAK (33)(D2,F,S)(P)** 0L0-42 C Fellowes 5 9 5 .... C Shepherd 109
18 (28) **DIVINE LIBRA (33)(BF,D2,G,S)** 23-013 C Hills 4 9 4 .... R L Moore 109
19 (31) **KOY KOY (20)(BF,D,A,F,G)(T*)** -05066 G Boughey 5 9 4 .... Billy Loughnane 104
20 (27) **THE X O (20)(A)** L40053 J Ryan 4 9 4 .... Rossa Ryan 108
21 (19) **BILLYJOH (12)(BF,A,G)** 240224 M Appleby 4 9 2 .... H Doyle 109
22 (13) **SUMMERGHAND (33)(A,F,G,S)(V)** 2050L0 D O'Meara 10 9 2 .... D McMonagle 109
23 (30) **FRESH (12)(CD2,C,A,F,G)(T)** 0L-505 J Fanshawe 7 9 1 .... H Turner 107
24 (20) **MAYWAKE (19)(D5,A,G,S)** 5103-0 R Fahey 6 9 1 .... Oisin Orr 109
25 (6) **SOUS LA NEIGE (20)(A)** 20-235 G Hernon (FR) 4 9 1 .... T Marquand 106
26 (5) **KINGS TIME (41)(D2,G)(T)** 2410-1 J Harrington (IRE) 4 9 1 .... S Foley 103
27 (4) **GREATGADIAN (83)(A,F)** -36220 R Varian 6 9 1 .... A Keeley (3) 107
28 (17) **STERLING KNIGHT (7)(C,D3,A,F,G,S)(P)** 5-30L1 E Dunlop (5lb ex) 5 9 1 .... C T Keane 106
29 (14) **MUSTAJAAB (12)(D2,A,G)** 45-100 W Muir & C Grassick 4 9 0 .... L Edmunds 109

Star Betting: 5 English Oak, 8 Divine Libra, 10 Mostabshir, 12 Northern Express, 14 Percy's Lad, 16 Carrytheone, Gorak, Ropey Guest, Kings Time, Fresh, 20 others.
2023: Witch Hunter 4 9 10, Jamie Spencer 50-1 (R Hannon), drawn (24), 29 ran.
STARFORM: KOY KOY **DANGER:** English Oak

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VALUE BET with Paul Jacobs

A CLOSING three-length sixth of the 29 runners a year ago, I will be having a solid each-way play on **BOPEDRO (6.15)** to hit the frame at the very least in the Buckingham Palace Stakes this afternoon.

In fact, his Ascot figures have been remarkable in big fields including in a Royal Hunt Cup.

And with plenty of pace on his side of the track, take David O'Meara's charge to outrun his odds of 22-1 (six places) with William Hill.

London Gold Cup winner King's Gambit looks sure to be a warm order in the Hampton Court Stakes, but I think we have found the sleeper here in the form of **SONS AND LOVERS (5.40)**.

He was doing his best work late on in both the Craven Stakes (third to Haatem) and the Heron Stakes (fourth to Almaqam), and looks made for this testing mile and a quarter with the William Hill offer of 12-1 likely to get shorter.

The King George V Stakes is always a thorough test of stamina for three-year-olds and the Roger Varian *(above)* trainee **FRENCH DUKE (3.05)** looks made for this.

He was a huge eye-catcher last time out at Newbury when rallying well behind Hosaamm.

The William Hill offer of 9-1 looks appealing to me.

IN THE MIX: Bopedro thrives in big fields

Paul Jacobs tips as Moorestyle in our sister paper the Daily Star Sunday and has won the Racing Post Naps Table five times...

LEADER OF THE PACK: Auguste Rodin wins the Prince Of Wales's Stakes. Inset right, Illinois scores in the Queen's Vase

RYAN'S GUSTE

by MELISSA JONES

AIDAN O'BRIEN created another masterpiece as Auguste Rodin silenced his Royal Ascot doubters in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes.

The all or nothing star had stunned fans with both his brilliance and tendency not to put in a shift.

But as Berkshire bathed in sunshine, the 13-8 favourite worked hard to help O'Brien to a 400th Group One.

It was also a significant result for Ryan Moore, an 81st triumph at the royal meeting putting him on a par with Frankie Dettori at the meeting.

O'Brien was quick to shift blame for Auguste Rodin's no-shows – which included a last of 12 in the Dubai Sheema Classic – onto himself.

"The blips were my fault, the instructions were wrong and it was time to start getting it right," said O'Brien, who earlier in the day also joined forces with Moore for Queen's Vase glory with Illinois.

"We changed everything. Ryan said he was going to ride him positive from now on and engage him straight away.

"He gave him a very special ride. Good horses, they have to develop a personality."

While main market threat Inspiral was hampered by a slow start, Moore was making Auguste Rodin's mind up for him.

The winning post was soon in sight for the 2023 Derby hero and horse tipped for future greatness as a stallion.

He was merely idling as French-trained Zarakem closed him down, with compatriot Horizon Dore making late gains for a bronze medal.

"He wanted to win, he's a proper horse," said Moore, leaping to the defence of his three-quarter length winner and big race hero.

"He's a Group One winner at two, he won four Group Ones last year – people are always very quick to knock them.

"When I asked him, he really showed

OISIN POUNCES ON WILD TIGER

■ by MELISSA JONES

SAEED bin Suroor and Oisin Murphy were on the prowl for a Royal Hunt Cup win with 11-2 joint favourite Wild Tiger.

Despite the task on paper in one of Royal Ascot's toughest handicaps, Murphy oozed confidence and asked his Godolphin-owned mount (*below*) to assert with a quarter of a mile still to run.

It was not long before a posse of contenders, led by the fast-finishing Sonny Liston (17-2), were snapping at their heels.

But Wild Tiger held on by a head, landing an animal-themed double after Running Lion's earlier win, with Perotto (25-1), Daysofourlives (20-1) and Holloway Boy (22-1) filling the places.

Bin Suroor, who helped the rider open his royal account in 2017 with Benbatl, added win number 39 to a record that includes five Gold Cups and the 2000 Prince Of Wales's Stakes with Dubai Millennium.

"The numbers [in the yard] are now small; we just have 40 horses," said Bin Suroor. "I used to have 220.

"We have to do our best with what we have, but winning a race at Royal Ascot makes it easier."

Murphy was the toast of owner-breeder David Howden's celebrations after Running Lion's Duke Of Cambridge Stakes success.

"I love the game," Howden chuckled. "There's not a lot of sanity – a lot of dreams and madness. This is why I do it."

Gold Cup hope Gregory's owners Wathnan Racing got one on the board in the Queen Mary Stakes, with Leovanni (22-1) defying a significant market drift.

THE TICKET

Moore and O'Brien in Rodin redemption

great courage." Auguste Rodin's achievement was the latest in a long line of comebacks for O'Brien and Moore, with City Of Troy also going from zero in the 2,000 Guineas to Derby hero.

The all-conquering trainer's upcoming task will be to separate his top horses, both in contention for a trip to the Breeders' Cup Classic at Del Mar in November.

Next stop toay is Ascot's pivotal prize, the Gold Cup, with favourite Kyprios racing for Ballydoyle's ninth title – and a second for himself.

Whistlejacket is another hot favourite in the Norfolk Stakes – and bookmakers fear they could be on the ropes early. "Ryan Moore's double on Illinois and Auguste Rodin helped push punters back into the lead," said William Hill's Lee Phelps.

"Whistlejacket and Kyprios are two strongly fancied favourites we'll hope to get beat on Thursday."

● CLERK of the course Chris Stickels last night put 5mm on both courses to keep Ascot's going at good to firm.

He said: "We are just planning to maintain conditions as they are. It looks like it's going to be fine and dry again tomorrow. There is a slight risk of thunderstorms later in the week."

ROYAL SEAL: Ryan Moore and Prince William

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

ROYAL ASCOT

2.30: **1, LEOVANNI** (James Doyle 22-1); **2, Mighty Eriu** (50-1); **3, Maw Lam** (50-1); **4, Miss Lamai** (22-1). 7-2 fav Kassaya. 1 3/4l, nk, nk. 24 ran. K R Burke. Tote: £24.30; pl £5.35, £12.45, £5.30, £5.20. Exacta: £1308.20. Tricast: £42168.60. Trifecta: £22261.40. CSF: £836.92. NR: Glorious Kitty, Kuwaitya.

3.05: **1, ILLINOIS** (R L Moore 7-4 fav); **2, Highbury** (3-1); **3, Birdman** (13-2). 1 1/4l, 3/4l. 11 ran. A P O'Brien. Tote: £2.75; pl £1.25, £1.45, £1.95. Exacta: £9.30. Tricast: £26.43. Trifecta: £31.70. CSF: £6.46. NR: Grosvenor Square.

3.45: **1, RUNNING LION** (O Murphy 6-1); **2, Laurel** (4-1); **3, Doom** (12-1). 10-3 fav Rogue Millennium. 2l, 2l. 14 ran. J & T Gosden. Tote: £7.00; pl £2.60, £2.25, £4.25. Exacta: £45.70. Tricast: £286.55. Trifecta: £417.90. CSF: £27.37.

4.25: **1, AUGUSTE RODIN** (R L Moore 13-8 fav); **2, Zarakem** (33-1); **3, Horizon Dore** (7-1). 3/4l, 1l. 10 ran. A P O'Brien. Tote: £2.63; pl £1.35, £7.45, £1.95. Exacta: £58.10. Tricast: £269.76. Trifecta: £262.40. CSF: £60.03.

5.05: **1, WILD TIGER** (O Murphy 11-2 jtfav); **2, Sonny Liston** (17-2); **3, Perotto** (25-1); **4, Daysofourlives** (20-1). 11-2 jtfav Crack Shot. hd, 3/4l, 1/2l. 29 ran. S bin Suroor. Tote: £7.40; pl £2.40, £3.35, £5.75, £5.60. Exacta: £75.80. Tricast: £1155.16. Trifecta: £2043.50. CSF: £42.06. NR: Imperial Fighter, Silent Film.

5.40: **1, DOHA** (H Crouch 10-1); **2, Hopeful** (13-2 fav); **3, Victoria Falls** (20-1); **4, Rowayeh** (10-1). hd, 4 1/4l, hd. 24 ran. R Beckett. Tote: £11.70; pl £3.65, £2.45, £5.80, £3.75. Exacta: £115.60. Tricast: £1345.58. Trifecta: £1963.60. CSF: £66.64. NR: Vetiver.

6.15: **1, AIN'T NOBODY** (J P Spencer 5-1); **2, Gabaldon** (16-1); **3, Aviation Time** (28-1); **4, Weissmuller** (100-1). 4-1 fav Shadow Army. 1l, 1/2l, 1 1/2l. 27 ran. K Ryan. Tote: £6.40; pl £2.15, £2.65, £6.35, £20.20. Exacta: £82.40. Tricast: £2120.22. Trifecta: £1631.90. CSF: £77.26. NR: Jm Jhingree.

JACKPOT: £30,106.00, with £15,354.08 carried over.
QUADPOT: £35.00
PLACEPOT: £916.60

HAMILTON

1.45: **1, TWOFORTHEGUTTER** (Mark Winn 11-10 fav); **2, The Navigator** (7-2); **3, Crystal Guard** (6-1). nk, shd. 7 ran. C Kellett. Tote: £2.10; pl £1.10, £2.00. Exacta: £5.50. Tricast: £13.22. Trifecta: £15.60. CSF: £4.64. NR: Reams Of Love, Trailblazer.

2.15: **1, JUNGLE DRUMS** (Oisin Orr 15-8); **2, Joshuas Dream** (25-1); **3, Georgecandoit** (8-13 fav). hd, nk. 5 ran. K R Burke. Tote: £2.88; pl £1.20, £5.60. Exacta: £30.60. Trifecta: £41.40. CSF: £33.92.

2.50: **1, SHAZANI** (C Beasley 17-2); **2, Pretty Thing** (7-1); **3, Who Wants Me** (28-1). 2-1 fav Gold Black. 1 3/4l, 1 3/4l. 8 ran. C Johnston. Tote: £9.60; pl £2.20, £2.00, £6.10. Exacta: £82.10. Trifecta: £1986.30. CSF: £67.18.

3.30: **1, PURPLE GOWN** (B Robinson 18-1); **2, Spanish Hustle** (11-8 fav); **3, Bohemian Breeze** (13-2). ns, 1 3/4l. 7 ran. A Nicol. Tote: £21.70; pl £1.40, £6.90. Exacta: £53.10. Tricast: £187.93. Trifecta: £197.70. CSF: £42.87. NR: Flying Scotsman.

4.10: **1, JAZZ SCENE** (P Mulrennan 7-4 fav); **2, Mysteryofthesands** (5-2); **3, Finn Ironside** (16-1). 3/4l, 1 1/2l. 5 ran. Sir M Prescott. Tote: £2.75; pl £1.60, £1.50. Exacta: £6.10. Trifecta: £36.60. CSF: £6.28.

4.50: **1, ROSE BRANCH** (P Mulrennan 13-2); **2, Naturalia** (9-4 fav); **3, Persian Phoenix** (5-2). 3/4l, 3l. 6 ran. H Palmer. Tote: £7.50; pl £3.30, £1.70. Exacta: £23.20. Trifecta: £81.60. CSF: £20.86. NR: Takes Time.

5.25: **1, HOT TEAM** (Rhys Elliott 10-3 fav); **2, Paco's Pride** (15-2); **3, National Question** (18-1). 3 3/4l, 3/4l. 10 ran. P Morris. Tote: £4.34; pl £1.40, £2.40, £4.20. Exacta: £20.90. Tricast: £389.25. Trifecta: £257.00. CSF: £28.17. NR: Fanzone.

QUADPOT: £47.40
PLACEPOT: £163.20

WORCESTER

2.05: **1, SOLID FUEL** (J Best 40-1); **2, Tonto Foley** (5-2 fav); **3, Gambie Tiep** (15-2). 1 1/4l, 5l. 11 ran. Joanne Thomason-Murphy. Tote: £45.90; pl £9.50, £1.50, £2.70. Exacta: £222.70. Tricast: £880.37. Trifecta: £1449.10. CSF: £144.01.

2.40: **1, BOB BOB RICARD** (Jonjo O'Neill Jr 6-1); **2, Duke Of Luckley** (11-2); **3, Cape Vidal** (9-2 fav). 4l, 3 1/2l. 13 ran. Jonjo & A O'Neill. Tote: £7.00; pl £1.80, £2.70, £2.10. Exacta: £39.40. Tricast: £166.48. Trifecta: £222.50. CSF: £39.31.

3.15: **1, HOLOKEA** (J Bowen 11-2); **2, All Well And Good** (13-2); **3, Elysian Knight** (11-2). 4-1 fav Patch Man. 3/4l, 3l. 11 ran. P & M Bowen. Tote: £6.50; pl £2.10, £2.10, £1.90. Exacta: £35.60. Trifecta: £158.70. CSF: £39.17. NR: As Good As Can Be.

3.55: **1, SEA PRINCE** (K Woods 28-1); **2, Forget The Way** (3-1); **3, Hidalgo De L'isle** (16-1). 11-4 fav Galata Bridge. shd, 1/2l. 11 ran. A Hales. Tote: £37.60; pl £6.80, £1.40, £3.60. Exacta: £160.00. Tricast: £1443.65. Trifecta: £3056.20. CSF: £112.03. NR: Fandabidozi.

4.35: **1, SEEYOUINMYDREAMS** (H Cobden 1-4 fav); **2, Kintaro** (16-1); **3, Double Oban** (7-1). 13l, nk. 11 ran. P Nicholls. Tote: £1.25; pl £1.02, £2.20, £2.00. Exacta: £6.30. Trifecta: £22.50. CSF: £6.83. NR: Frenelope.

5.15: **1, MELTON MOSSY** (A Wedge 11-10 fav); **2, Ten Ten Twenty** (11-1); **3, Gorcombe Moonshine** (10-1). 2l, 1 1/2l. 10 ran. E Williams. Tote: £2.10; pl £1.20, £3.10, £2.20. Exacta: £17.40. Tricast: £82.89. Trifecta: £104.00. CSF: £14.16. NR: Eloso.

5.50: **1, HILLSIN** (J Turner 6-1); **2, Carnet De Stage** (16-1); **3, Emanate** (13-2). 4-1 fav Jaxonne. 1/2l, 1l. 11 ran. A Jones. Tote: £7.30; pl £2.50, £5.20, £2.10. Exacta: £104.60. Tricast: £653.29. Trifecta: £1144.10. CSF: £97.01. NR: Voodoo Doll.

QUADPOT: £13.40
PLACEPOT: £41.60

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5.45: **1, COUNTESS CIARA** (J Bryan 9-2); **2, Koulikoro** (18-1); **3, Hackney Diamonds** (13-2). 10-3 fav Renewal. nk, 1/2l. 11 ran. A Watson. Tote: £5.50; pl £4.20, £2.10, £1.90. Exacta: £88.60. Trifecta: £512.60. CSF: £80.27. NR: Standput.

6.20: **1, DARK DREAMER** (J Mitchell 11-4 fav); **2, Ten Commitments** (11-2); **3, Let's Get Em** (17-2). 1/2l, 2 3/4l. 7 ran. R Cowell. Tote: £3.75; pl £1.80, £2.60. Exacta: £12.30. Tricast: £102.77. Trifecta: £91.00. CSF: £16.66. NR: Bandello, Want Want.

6.50: **1, FAUSTUS** (J Mitchell 12-1); **2, Four Adaay** (8-1); **3, Miss Brazen** (14-1). 10-3 fav Angle Land. 3/4l, 3/4l. 10 ran. R Cowell. Tote: £13.00; pl £3.90, £2.40, £4.30. Exacta: £119.00. Tricast: £1365.89. Trifecta: £1174.40. CSF: £104.19.

7.20: **1, SISTERANDBROTHER** (P Mathers 11-2); **2, Laser Focus** (6-4 fav); **3, Showy** (7-1). hd, 2l. 10 ran. K Frost. Tote: £7.40; pl £1.80, £1.20, £2.20. Exacta: £16.40. Tricast: £59.53. Trifecta: £86.90. CSF: £13.85. NR: Bletchley Storm, Mc'ted, The Pug.

7.50: **1, FORTNUM** (P Cosgrave 11-8 fav); **2, Lady Of Time** (33-1); **3, Emerald City** (6-1). 1l, 2 1/4l. 8 ran. G Boughey. Tote: £2.50; pl £1.40, £6.10, £1.60. Exacta: £58.60. Tricast: £217.26. Trifecta: £326.90. CSF: £53.73. NR: Daring Leader, Lincoln Royal, Pop Noodle.

8.20: **1, ANDROMEDAS KINGDOM** (S D Bowen 7-2); **2, Astronomica** (15-2); **3, Adelabella** (10-3 fav). 1/2l, 2l. 11 ran. M Appleby. Tote: £4.50; pl £1.60, £2.60, £1.60. Exacta: £38.50. Tricast: £95.59. Trifecta: £214.30. CSF: £29.48. NR: Ballsbridge.

8.50: **1, ROCK N ROLL PINKIE** (M Ghiani 18-5 fav); **2, Young Merlin** (4-1); **3, Highland Frolic** (22-1). 2 1/4l, 3/4l. 11 ran. I Furtado. Tote: £4.60; pl £1.70, £1.80, £5.90. Exacta: £25.20. Tricast: £275.81. Trifecta: £326.60. CSF: £17.43. NR: Roman Tempest.

QUADPOT: £31.80
PLACEPOT: £165.20

RIPON

6.00: **1, BACOR** (Grace McEntee 6-1); **2, She Went Whoosh** (5-1); **3, Party Bear** (13-2). 11-8 fav Coeur Jaune. 2 1/2l, 1l. 7 ran. G Boughey. Tote: £7.00; pl £2.60, £2.30. Exacta: £27.80. Trifecta: £110.70. CSF: £33.77.

6.35: **1, FLOWSTATE** (D Nolan 18-1); **2, Fox Spirit** (11-1); **3, Canon's House** (18-1). 13-8 fav Idle Assembly. 2 1/4l, 1 1/2l. 12 ran. D O'Meara. Tote: £22.20; pl £3.30, £2.80, £5.40. Exacta: £209.80. Trifecta: £4713.50. CSF: £205.46. NR: Maris Angel.

7.05: **1, KARDIA** (C Rodriguez evens fav); **2, Genesius** (2-1); **3, Yurinov** (15-2). 2l, 4 1/4l. 4 ran. E Bethell. Tote: £2.00; Exacta: £3.00. Trifecta: £7.40. CSF: £3.17.

7.35: **1, BATAL ZABEEL** (S Gray 10-1); **2, The Good Biscuit** (5-2 fav); **3, Moyola** (4-1). hd, 1 3/4l. 8 ran. K Ryan. Tote: £11.00; pl £2.50, £1.50, £1.50. Exacta: £36.40. Tricast: £117.66. Trifecta: £180.50. CSF: £34.17.

8.05: **1, DANCINGWITHMYSELF** (C Rodriguez 11-2); **2, Ribkana** (20-1); **3, Organic** (6-5 fav). 2 1/4l, 2 3/4l. 8 ran. M Bell. Tote: £6.50; pl £1.70, £4.00, £1.10. Exacta: £105.90. Tricast: £213.38. Trifecta: £240.40. CSF: £100.37.

8.35: **1, DUNNINGTON LAD** (H Shaw 33-1); **2, Protest Rally** (6-1); **3, Foreseeable Future** (10-3 fav). **3, Golden Gal** (20-1). 1/2l, 3/4l, dht. 10 ran. P Winks. Tote: Dunnington Lad £35.60; pl Dunnington Lad £8.40, Protest Rally £1.80, Golden Gal £2.20. Exacta: Dunnington Lad, Protest Rally £265.70. Tricast: Dunnington Lad, Protest Rally, Foreseeable Future £350.83, Dunnington Lad, Protest Rally, Golden Gal £2071.83. Trifecta: Dunnington Lad, Protest Rally, Foreseeable Future £640.00, Dunnington Lad, Protest Rally, Golden Gal £2438.60. CSF: Dunnington Lad, Protest Rally £219.05. NR: Prospect.

QUADPOT: £6.60
PLACEPOT: £525.60

StarForm ROYAL ASCOT

WHO'S HOT, WHO'S NOT

TERRIFIC TRAINERS: (Most wins last 14 days) G Boughey 14; A P O'Brien 13; C Johnston 13; A Carroll 11; R Beckett 10; R Hannon 10; W Haggas 9; R Fahey 8; K R Burke 8; R Varian 7; H Palmer 7; T Easterby 7.
SUFFERING STABLES: (Runners since last win) B Rothwell 214; C Dunnett 76; Miss H Knight 44; Phillip Makin 41; H Candy 38; C Fellowes 37; J Butler 34; R Fahey 32; J & S Best 32; W G M Turner 32; M Usher 29; K P De Foy 27.
HOT JOCKS: (Most wins last 14 days) Oisin Murphy 15; Tom Marquand 12; B Loughnane 12; Rossa Ryan 12; Maxime Guyon 12; Silvestre De Sousa 10; Ryan Moore 9; Daniel Tudhope 9; James Doyle 8; Richard Kingscote 8; Colin Keane 8; Joe Fanning 8.
RIDE OUT OF LUCK: (Rides since last win) Miss Becky Smith 83; Miss M Bryant 69; Laura Pearson 66; Jimmy Quinn 58; Charlie Bennett 40; David Allan 40; Benoit Sayette 37; Clifford Lee 37; Jason Watson 36.

PUNTER POINTERS

NEW QUARTERS

HORSES having their first runs for new trainers.
CHELMSFORD CITY: 4.50 River Alwen (R Hannon to Craig Benton).
LINGFIELD: 7.00 Squeaker (M Botti to C Hobson).
RIPON: 1.35 Point Of Honour (Craig Lidster to D Brooke), 3.20 Fountain Cross (A King to T Easterby).
ROYAL ASCOT: 5.05 Safwan (E D Monfort to R Beckett).
WOLVERHAMPTON: None.

WIND OP

RIPON: Point Of Honour (1.35).

MAGIC COMBINATIONS

CHELMSFORD CITY: Ray Dawson rides 2.50 Almaty Star for R Cowell, previous combinations 3 wins from 14 mounts 21% strike rate at course.
LINGFIELD: Jack Doughty rides 8.00 River Wharfe for A Carroll, previous combinations 3 wins from 15 mounts 20% strike rate at course.
RIPON: David Nolan rides 3.20 Ey Up Its The Boss for Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood, previous combinations 2 wins from 4 mounts 50% strike rate at course.
ROYAL ASCOT: Hollie Doyle rides 4.25 Trueshan for A King, previous combinations 4 wins from 8 mounts 50% strike rate at course.
Jim Crowley rides 6.15 Mostabshir for J & T Gosden, previous combinations 3 wins from 15 mounts 20% strike rate at course.
WOLVERHAMPTON: Rhys Clutterbuck rides 6.35 Baritus Bellator for D Cunha, previous combinations 2 wins from 9 mounts 22% strike rate at course.

HEAVEY'S NAP

CARRYTHEONE (6.15 Ascot) comes into the race off the back of a good victory at Newmarket. That performance can be marked up as he met trouble in running and squeezed through a gap to get up in the closing stages. He is definitely overpriced at around 20-1.

BEST EACH-WAY

WATCHA MATEY (5.05 Ascot) has hosed up in his last two races and comes into this big-field handicap in great heart. He has the pace to race handily and will handle the fast conditions.

STARFORM TREBLE

NAP: STARLORE
(5.05 Royal Ascot)
NB: MY NOBLE LORD
(4.35 Ripon)
TREBLE: KALPANA
(3.45 Royal Acsot)

RIPON sky sports racing

JASON HEAVEY		STAR TIP
Sameem	1.35	Stellarmasterpiece
An Realta Carraig	2.05	Lovely Spirit
Hurstwood	2.40	Run This Way
Ey Up Its The Boss	3.20	Ey Up Its The Boss
Aberama Gold	3.55	Dakota Gold
Filibustering	4.35	Continuance
Loose Tongue	5.10	Loose Tongue

1.35 HCAP (FEMALE AMATEUR JOCKEYS)
Class 6 1m 4f (10 runners) £3,477

1 (3) 01-6 **SAMEEM (24)(CD,C,G,S)(P)** T Easterby 8 10 9 **Mrs Emily Roberts** 53
2 (5) 1/13 **CLIFFTOP HEAVEN (13)(D,A,G)(P)** A Watson 7 10 8 **Miss B Hampson** 54
3 (7) 3-31 **STELLARMASTERPIECE (38)(D,G,S)** M Hammond 4 10 6 **Miss Becky Smith** 55
4 (8) -L45 **VALLAMOREY (55)(S)(T*)** S England 6 10 6 **Miss Amy Collier** 50
5 (10) 3004 **PERIPETEIA (20)(C,D,A,G)** P Kirby 6 10 3 **Miss J Bedi** 55
6 (6) 2065 **HEATHERDOWN HERO (22)(A)(H)** R Menzies 5 10 2 **Miss Alex Garven** 56
7 (9) 2062 **CAN CAN GIRL (22)(D3,A,G)** Craig Lidster 6 10 0 **Miss A Keighley** ★57
8 (1) 314- **POINT OF HONOUR (J222)(BF,D,G,S)** D Brooke 9 9 13 **Miss P Brown** 54
9 (4) 3-50 **RAYENA (2)(T)** R Fahey 4 9 9 **Miss L Teal** 53
10 (2) L-LL **FAST DEAL (J13)** M Chapman 7 9 9 **Miss S Bowen** 41

Star Betting: 4 Stellarmasterpiece, 9-2 Can Can Girl, Clifftop Heaven, 5 Sameem, 8 Point Of Honour, 10 Rayena, Peripeteia, 12 Heatherdown Hero, 14 others.
STARFORM: CLIFFTOP HEAVEN **DANGER:** Stellarmasterpiece

2.05 EBF RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES
Class 5 2YO 6f (11 run) £4,860

1 (5) 4 **AN REALTA CARRAIG (9)** A Keatley 9 7 **O McSweeney (3)** 70
2 (8) 6 **GLITTER CODE (9)** W Knight 9 7 **Brandon Wilkie (5)** 65
3 (9) **LINE OF FORCE** K R Burke 9 7 **S Gray** –
4 (7) 4 **STAPLEFORD PARK (26)** C Fellowes 9 7 **K Stott** 68
5 (1) **CAPLA DAVIEKINS** M & D Easterby 9 5 **Joanna Mason** –
6 (4) **ITSALLABOUTUS** R Fahey 9 5 **D Nolan** –
7 (3) 3 **LOVELY SPIRIT (23)(BF)** R Fahey 9 2 **Ryan Sexton** 74
8 (2) **SHANTI SHANTI** J & S Quinn 9 2 **JP Sullivan** –
9 (6) 0 **SHIELAS WELL (6)** G Tuer 9 2 **T Eaves** 62
10 (11) 2315 **UNTHINKABLE (2)(S)** P Kirby 9 2 **C Beasley** ★77
11 (10) 44 **TOOTA (21)** T Easterby 9 0 **D Allan** 61

Star Betting: 5-2 Line Of Force, 7-2 Lovely Spirit, 4 Unthinkable, 7 An Realta Carraig, 10 Stapleford Park, 12 Shanti Shanti, 14 Glitter Code, 16 Itsallaboutus, 20 others.
STARFORM: UNTHINKABLE **DANGER:** Line Of Force

2.40 GRANTLEY HALL HANDICAP
Class 6 6f (11 runners) £3,664

1 (7) 3433 **BURJ MALINKA (14)(BF,D2,S)** Adrian Nicholls 6 9 10 **P Mathers** 75
2 (3) 0011 **RUN THIS WAY (21)(CD,D3,S)(V)** P Midgley 6 9 10 **D Nolan** 74
3 (1) 3L55 **IMPRESSOR (14)(D4,S)(P)** Phillip Makin 7 9 10 **R Scott** 73
4 (9) -214 **WHITE UMBRELLA (28)(D3,A,G,S)** C Kellett 5 9 9 **C Beasley** 76
5 (2) 1552 **CANARIA QUEEN (9)(D,S)** T Easterby 4 9 8 **D Allan** ★78
6 (4) 1004 **NIGHTS OVER EGYPT (16)(D,S)(V)** R Menzies 4 9 7 **Joanna Mason** 77
7 (10) -0L0 **GREATEST TIME (16)** P Evans 4 9 6 **P Dennis** 74
8 (6) 0240 **REDROSEZORRO (20)(D6,G,S)(P)** C Kellett 10 9 2 **Brandon Wilkie (5)** 74
9 (8) -002 **HURSTWOOD (21)(CD3,D4,A,G,S)** P Niven 7 9 0 **Mark Winn (3)** 76
10 (5) -442 **OPAL STORM (13)(G)(T)** B Rothwell 4 8 12 **JP Sullivan** 74
11 (11) 05-3 **FLAVIUS TITUS (48)(CD,D3,A,G)(P)** D Brooke 9 8 8 **K S McHugh (7)** 73

Star Betting: 5-2 Run This Way, 4 Burj Malinka, Canaria Queen, 8 White Umbrella, 10 Opal Storm, Hurstwood, 14 Flavius Titus, Impressor, 16 others.
STARFORM: WHITE UMBRELLA **DANGER:** Burj Malinka

GOING: SOFT-GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

3.20 GRAND FINALE CLASSIC HANDICAP
Class 5 1m 2f (7 runners) £4,711

1 (5) 000/ **FOUNTAIN CROSS (611)(A,G)** T Easterby 6 10 4 **S B Kirrane** –
2 (3) -213 **EY UP ITS THE BOSS (21)(CD,G)** Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood 5 10 4 **D Nolan** 75
3 (7) 0002 **HORTZADAR (14)(C3,A,G,S)** D O'Meara 9 10 1 **Mark Winn (3)** 75
4 (2) -431 **GARDEN OASIS (15)(C5,D,GO)(B)** T Easterby 9 9 11 **D Allan** ★78
5 (6) 16-0 **VERY EXCELLENT (17)(D,A,S)** M Sowersby 8 9 10 **JP Sullivan** 77
6 (1) -050 **LOVE WARRIOR (27)** C Johnston 3 8 12 **F Norton** 74
7 (4) -302 **UP THE JAZZ (14)(G)** R Fahey 3 8 12 **C Murtagh** 76

Star Betting: 9-4 Ey Up Its The Boss, 3 Garden Oasis, 7-2 Hortzadar, 4 Up The Jazz, 12 Love Warrior, 16 Fountain Cross, 33 Very Excellent.
STARFORM: EY UP ITS THE BOSS **DANGER:** Garden Oasis

3.55 RIPON RACES LADIES DAY HANDICAP
Class 2 6f (7 runners) £12,885

1 (3) -262 **MR WAGYU (19)(CD2,D13,G,S)(V)** J & S Quinn 9 9 9 **JP Sullivan** 101
2 (6) 3600 **ABERAMA GOLD (18)(D10,0,A,G,S)(V)** D O'Meara 7 9 7 **D Nolan** ★108
3 (2) -003 **MARINE WAVE (18)(A)** R Fahey 4 9 7 **Brandon Wilkie (5)** 100
4 (5) 0021 **DAKOTA GOLD (24)(CD,D8,G,S)** M Dods 10 9 6 **C Beasley** 100
5 (7) -055 **TWELFTH KNIGHT (15)(CD2,D3,G,S)** P Midgley 5 9 1 **Ryan Sexton** 99
6 (4) 6061 **MANILA SCOUSE (14)(D,G,S)(T)** T Easterby 5 9 0 **D Fentiman** 102
7 (1) -4L6 **BAY BREEZE (15)(CD4,D,G,S)** T Easterby 5 8 8 **Amie Waugh (5)** 99

Star Betting: 7-4 Mr Wagyu, 4 Dakota Gold, 5 Manila Scouse, 6 Marine Wave, 13-2 Aberama Gold, 12 Twelfth Knight, 14 Bay Breeze.
STARFORM: DAKOTA GOLD **DANGER:** Mr Wagyu

4.35 MASONS "WHO DARES, GINS" HCAP
Class 5 3YO 1m 4f (6 run) £3,664

1 (6) 5-26 **FREDS MATE (31)(A)** C Johnston 9 11 **F Norton** 75
2 (4) 0261 **FILIBUSTERING (23)(S)** T Easterby 9 11 **D Allan** 77
3 (5) -451 **CONTINUANCE (20)(S)(H)** M Keighley 9 9 **Mark Winn (3)** ★80
4 (2) 0-54 **CARNIVAL DAY (10)** D M Simcock 9 7 **T Eaves** 77
5 (3) -141 **MY NOBLE LORD (24)(D,A,S)** M Bell 9 7 **K Stott** 79
6 (1) 040 **GREENLIGHTFORGO (23)** T Easterby 9 4 **D Fentiman** 77

Star Betting: 6-4 My Noble Lord, 7-4 Filibustering, 9-2 Continuance, 14 Carnival Day, 16 Greenlightforgo, Freds Mate.
STARFORM: MY NOBLE LORD **DANGER:** Continuance

5.10 YOUR HARROGATE RADIO HANDICAP
Class 6 3YO 1m (10 run) £3,664

1 (1) L132 **EVELYN'S PHOENIX (12)(BF,G)** T Easterby 9 11 **D Allan** 65
2 (3) 0522 **MAMBHA (21)** M Dods 9 10 **C Beasley** 67
3 (5) 0331 **LOOSE TONGUE (20)(D,S)(H)** P Evans 9 10 **P Dennis** ★68
4 (6) 0-50 **SEAHORSE SYD (16)(D,A,G)** O Pears 9 9 **H Russell** 64
5 (9) 466 **CROWN'S LADY (20)** Craig Lidster 9 9 **W Pyle (5)** 64
6 (2) 2042 **EMU WAR (2)(V)** K R Burke 9 8 **Brandon Wilkie (5)** 66
7 (4) 00-5 **PAPAGREY (15)** T Easterby 9 6 **S B Kirrane** 61
8 (8) 1354 **ASPIRE TO GLORY (23)(A)(H,T)** Alice Haynes 9 3 **D Keenan** 64
9 (10) -0L4 **WHATWOULDIKNOW (12)** N Tinkler 9 2 **F McManoman** 62
10 (7) 5656 **LIKLEMAN (17)** S G West 9 0 **JP Sullivan** 66

Star Betting: 3 Evelyn's Phoenix, 4 Mambha, Loose Tongue, 7 Aspire To Glory, 8 Crown's Lady, 10 Whatwouldiknow, Emu War, 20 Likleman, Papagrey.
STARFORM: MAMBHA **DANGER:** Evelyn's Phoenix

CHELMSFORD Racing TV

JASON HEAVEY		STAR TIP
Cyclonite	2.15	Sir Palamedes
Dark Side Prince	2.50	Almaty Star
Ehtiram	3.30	Ehtiram
Tarjeeh	4.10	Stay Well
Shaheen Saqaar	4.50	Marion's Boy
Noodle Mission	5.20	Noodle Mission

GOING: STANDARD

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACESV

2.15 EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES
Class 5 2YO 6f (10 run) £4,187

1 (4) 0 **DARK THUNDERSTORM (35)** Alice Haynes 9 7 **K O'Neill** 64
2 (3) 32 **FORO ROMANO (58)** G Boughey 9 7 **T Jakes (5)** ★76
3 (9) 0 **NEVER KNOW (16)** J Tate 9 7 **A Rawlinson** 59
4 (8) 44 **SIR PALAMEDES (27)** C Fellowes 9 7 **R Dawson** 69
5 (5) 66 **BEAUHAATHER (27)** Miss A Murphy 9 5 **Laura Pearson** 55
6 (1) 553 **CYCLONITE (16)(B)** J Ferguson 9 5 **D Muscutt** 73
7 (7) 6L **LIFT LADY (20)** K P De Foy 9 2 **J Mitchell** –
8 (2) 0 **LOVE ROCK (15)** I Mohammed 9 2 **C Bennett** 59
9 (10) 0 **TELFORD (6)** H Morrison 9 2 **F Marsh** 48
10 (6) **SUNSHINE STATE** C Johnston 9 0 **J Hart** –

Star Betting: 2 Cyclonite, 5-2 Foro Romano, 5 Sunshine State, 8 Sir Palamedes, Never Know, 12 Lift Lady, 16 Dark Thunderstorm, 20 Beauhaather, 25 others.
STARFORM: SUNSHINE STATE
DANGER: Beauhaather

2.50 ESPRIT COUTURE 1ER CRU HANDICAP
Class 4 5f (9 runners) £6,281

1 (8) 162- **EMPEROR SPIRIT (376)(C,A)(P,T)** R Cowell 6 9 10 **D Muscutt** –
2 (7) -504 **PRINCESS SHABNAM (29)(C,D,A,G,S)** S Woods 5 9 8 **Kaiya Fraser (5)** 93
3 (3) 0315 **ROCKING ENDS (10)(BF,D3,A,G)** Tom Clover 4 9 7 **J Mitchell** 95
4 (5) -450 **LORD RIDDIFORD (19)(CD3,D9,A,G,S)** J & S Quinn 9 9 7 **J Hart** 92
5 (9) 4L53 **HARRY BROWN (16)(CD,A)** D M Simcock 4 9 5 **J Haynes** 95
6 (1) 0532 **ALMATY STAR (16)(D,A)(P)** R Cowell 4 8 13 **R Dawson** 95
7 (2) 5111 **DARK SIDE PRINCE (28)(CD5,D5,AO)(P)** Jessica Macey 7 8 8 **H Shaw** 96
8 (6) 1105 **BURABACK (14)(CD,D,A,S)(P)** D Shaw 5 8 4 **R Da Silva** 97
9 (4) 5602 **THE DEFIANT (2)(CD2,D7,A,G)(P,T)** L Dace 8 8 4 **Mia Nichiolls (5)** ★99

Star Betting: 7-2 Dark Side Prince, 4 Emperor Spirit, Almaty Star, 6 Princess Shabnam, Rocking Ends, 8 Harry Brown, 12 Buraback, 16 Lord Riddiford, 25 The Defiant.
STARFORM: DARK SIDE PRINCE
DANGER: Lord Riddiford

3.30 RESTRICTED MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES
Class 5 1m 2f (12 runners) £4,187

1 (10) 33 **POSITIVIA (28)** J & S Quinn 4 9 10 **J Hart** 65
2 (12) 53- **EXPECTED ARRIVAL (187)** K P De Foy 3 9 2 **J Mitchell** 64
3 (9) 4 **LOVES LOVING (26)** J & T Gosden 3 9 2 **K O'Neill** 68
4 (3) 3- **QAMARI (216)** J Tate 3 9 2 **R Dawson** 64
5 (11) 5-L **SPRINGBECAMESUMMER (26)** M Bell 3 9 2 **F Marsh** 58
6 (2) 0-0 **TEATIME (51)** J Chapple-Hyam 3 9 2 **Laura Pearson** 52
7 (8) 00 **CHELSEA FLOWER (14)** James Owen 3 9 0 **J F Egan** 59
8 (6) L4-2 **EHTIRAM (23)(BF)** Owen Burrows 3 9 0 **D Muscutt** ★70
9 (5) -064 **INBETWEENUS (10)(H)** G Kelleway 3 9 0 **J Peate (3)** 62
10 (4) 0-0 **KIMCHI (23)** R Guest 3 8 12 **G Rooke** 55
11 (7) 60 **LARENTA (14)** J Feilden 3 8 12 **R Ffrench** 57
12 (1) 0-L **MASAR WAY (23)** R Guest 3 8 12 **A Rawlinson** 46

Star Betting: 3 Ehtiram, 10-3 Loves Loving, 4 Qamari, 9-2 Expected Arrival, 8 Positivia, 14 Springbecamesummer, 16 Inbetweenus, 20 Kimchi, 25 others.
STARFORM: QAMARI **DANGER:** Loves Loving

TRACKFACTS Left-handed Polytrack all-weather course of 1m round. Chutes at the 7f and 1m starts. The run-in is 2f. Stalls today 6f Centre; Remainder Inside.
TOP TRAINERS (with runners) M Appleby 71 winners, (11.9% strike rate), -£107.33, J & T Gosden 53, (27.2%), -£17.97, D M Simcock 42, (16.9%), -£7.23.

4.10 BIOLOGYBYCLARE.COM HANDICAP
Class 3 1m 2f (8 runners) £13,085

1 (1) 0L6- **ENFJAAR (229)(C,A,S)(H)** R Varian 4 9 9 **J Mitchell** 97
2 (7) 0-03 **STAY WELL (14)(D,A,G)** H Morrison 6 9 5 **F Marsh** 104
3 (3) /1-0 **TARJEEH (26)(A,G)** Owen Burrows 4 9 4 **D Muscutt** 100
4 (8) 4051 **WADACRE GOMEZ (14)(CD4,D,A)** C Johnston 4 9 4 **J Hart** 101
5 (5) 04-5 **DIAMOND RANGER (14)(A,G)** J Osborne 5 9 2 **W Carver (3)** 101
6 (2) 0LLL **ZEALOT (14)(CD,D2,A)(P)** M Appleby 6 8 13 **A Rawlinson** ★106
7 (4) 251- **SNIPER'S EYE (266)(A)(H*)** D M Simcock 4 8 11 **J Haynes** 97
8 (6) -2LL **ROXANNE (17)(G,S)(H*)** E Dunlop 4 8 7 **R Dawson** 105

Star Betting: 3 Wadacre Gomez, 10-3 Sniper's Eye, 5 Tarjeeh, Enfjaar, 13-2 Stay Well, 10 Diamond Ranger, 12 Zealot, 16 Roxanne.
2023: No corresponding race.
STARFORM: ROXANNE **DANGER:** Wadacre Gomez

4.50 VILLA COLLET HANDICAP
Class 5 1m 2f (10 runners) £6,281

1 (7) -635 **MILDYJAMA (28)(D,A,G)(B*)** P Chamings 4 9 10 **T Jakes (5)** 75
2 (6) -34L **MOAB (12)** Miss H Knight 4 9 10 **S W Kelly** 75
3 (3) 1501 **MARION'S BOY (19)(CD,D5,A)(V)** R Teal 7 9 9 **F Marsh** 75
4 (4) 06-6 **BRASSAVOLA (19)(BF)(B)** K P De Foy 5 9 7 **D Muscutt** 77
5 (10) 231- **EARLY MORNING DEW (434)(CD,A)** J & S Best 8 9 7 **Jimmy Quinn** –
6 (5) 130/ **RIVER ALWEN (1097)(D,G,S)(B*)** Craig Benton 6 9 7 **Rhiain Ingram (3)** 59
7 (8) 3653 **SHAHEEN SAQAAR (19)(A)** E Dunlop 4 9 4 **J Mitchell** 80
8 (9) -245 **JENSON BENSON (126)(CD,C3,A)** S Lycett 6 9 4 **J Hart** 77
9 (2) 0422 **NIGHT BREEZE (8)(BF)** I Williams 4 9 0 **H Burns (3)** ★81
10 (1) 4131 **CHOURMO (13)(D2,G)(H)** M Gillard 4 8 10 **J F Egan** 76

Star Betting: 7-2 Marion's Boy, 9-2 Early Morning Dew, 11-2 Chourmo, Brassavola, 13-2 Shaheen Saqaar, 7 Night Breeze, 12 Jenson Benson, 16 River Alwen, Mildyjama, 20 Moab.
2023: No corresponding race.
STARFORM: MARION'S BOY **DANGER:** Chourmo

5.20 HALLGARTEN & NOVUM WINES HCAP
Class 4 1m (13 runners) £6,281

1 (10) 1334 **BILLY MILL (39)(D,A,G)** B Millman 6 9 10 **F Marsh** 85
2 (9) 0L0L **ASSESSMENT (12)(D2,A,G)(H)** A Watson 5 9 9 **Laura Coughlan (3)** 86
3 (12) 3121 **NOODLE MISSION (32)(A,G)** E Smyth-Osbourne 4 9 9 **D Muscutt** 87
4 (3) 0-00 **RESTRICT (139)(A)** D M Simcock 4 9 8 **J Haynes** ★91
5 (6) L000 **BASS PLAYER (34)(G)(T)** K Frost 5 9 8 **A Pinna (7)** 88
6 (13) 0-L0 **RASCALLION (61)(A,S)** Mrs S Leech 5 9 7 **Mia Nichiolls (5)** 81
7 (1) 22-3 **RUNNING STAR (27)(BF)(P)** H Palmer 4 9 6 **J Hart** 87
8 (4) -L04 **ROYAL PARADE (13)(G)** G Kelleway 5 9 5 **J Peate (3)** 84
9 (8) 30-0 **VALKYRIAN (17)(D2,G,S)** J Osborne 4 9 5 **W Carver (3)** 89
10 (7) 6L-1 **HEY LYLA (14)(CD,A,G)** C Johnston 4 9 5 **J Mitchell** 85
11 (2) 0233 **BOASTY (28)(C3,D,A)(V)** I Furtado 7 9 2 **K O'Neill** 87
12 (5) 3516 **BORA BORA (16)(A)** J Butler 6 8 12 **R Dawson** 88
13 (11) 11/P **BOLD SUITOR (19)(CD,D,A)(B,T)** Craig Benton 7 8 10 **Rhiain Ingram (3)** 66

Star Betting: 3 Noodle Mission, 9-2 Hey Lyla, 5 Running Star, 13-2 Valkyrian, 7 Boasty, 10 Billy Mill, 12 Restrict, 16 Bora Bora, 20 others.
2023: No corresponding race.
STARFORM: RASCALLION **DANGER:** Hey Lyla

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WOLVERHAMPTON sky sports racing

5.28 RACEDAY READY APP FILLIES' HANDICAP
Class 5 3YO 1m 4f (5 runners) £3,716

1 (1) -21L **LOVE YOU DARLING (11)(G)** B Brookhouse 9 10 ... **S D Bowen (5)** 80
2 (4) 4-42 **DIVINE PRESENCE (27)** J & T Gosden 9 9 ... **T Heard (3)** 78
3 (3) -551 **PIQUE' (24)(D,S)(H)** J Fanshawe 9 7 ... **R Coakley** ★81
4 (5) 55-L **ALMUDENA (13)(BF)(P*)** Sir M Prescott 9 4 ... **L Morris** 75
5 (2) 51- **TIPTOE (238)(C,A)** D M Simcock 9 3 ... **C Fallon** 75

Star Betting: 5-2 Divine Presence, 3 Pique', Love You Darling, 5 Almudena, 11-2 Tiptoe.
STARFORM: DIVINE PRESENCE **DANGER:** Pique

6.00 RACEDAY-READY.COM NOVICE STAKES
Class 5 2YO 7f (7 runners) £3,402

1 (2) 54 **BRINDAVAN (22)** S Woods 9 7 ... **Dylan Hogan** ★78
2 (1) 5 **CAVALLO BAY (22)(BF)(P*)** C Appleby 9 7 ... **D Costello** 74
3 (3) **CORPUS JURIS** C Johnston 9 7 ... **A Mullen** –
4 (6) L0 **LAZIEELUNCH (24)** S Woods 9 7 ... **S D Bowen (5)** 61
5 (5) **MOOEEAZ** S & E Crisford 9 7 ... **R Coakley** –
6 (7) L0 **PATROL (14)** W Haggas 9 7 ... **C Fallon** 70
7 (4) 3 **STUDIOUS (49)** M Loughnane 9 7 ... **L Morris** 56

Star Betting: 9-4 Cavallo Bay, 11-4 Brindavan, 10-3 Mooeeaz, 11-2 Corpus Juris, 8 Patrol, 16 Studious, 50 Lazieelunch.
STARFORM: CAVALLO BAY **DANGER:** Corpus Juris

6.35 RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE)
Class 5 7f (12 runners) £3,942

1 (5) 324 **THANKS DAD (30)** S Dixon 4 10 0 ... **T Heard (3)** 68
2 (12) 234- **KITTEN GLOVES (331)(BF)(P,T)** I Mohammed 4 9 9 ... **R Kavanagh (7)** 72
3 (9) 0L **BARITUS BELLATOR (12)(T)** D Cunha 3 9 7 ... **R Clutterbuck** 39
4 (7) 033 **HIGHLAND OLLY (12)** G Tuer 3 9 7 ... **A Farragher** 65
5 (4) **PASEA GRANDE(T*)** H Kobeissi 3 9 7 ... **L Morris** –
6 (8) **SUSTAINED** D & C Kubler 3 9 7 ... **Dylan Hogan** –
7 (1) **HUNTERS RUN** R Hughes 3 9 5 ... **Ethan Jones (7)** –
8 (10) **MAKEMINEAGUINNESS** W G M Turner 3 9 5 ... **L Keniry** –
9 (3) L-35 **RESPECTABLE JACK (29)** M Crawley 3 9 5 ... **C Fallon** 67
10 (2) **EXPERT ELSA** D & C Kubler 3 9 0 ... **R Coakley** –
11 (11) 2 **GAIETY MUSICAL (16)** P Evans 3 9 0 ... **S D Bowen (5)** ★76
12 (6) 3 **SYNTHESIZE (46)** H Candy 3 9 0 ... **T Whelan** 68

Star Betting: 7-2 Kitten Gloves, 4 Synthesize, 9-2 Gaiety Musical, 6 Thanks Dad, 10 others.
STARFORM: HIGHLAND OLLY **DANGER:** Thanks Dad

GOING: STANDARD

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

7.10 RACEDAY-READY CLASSIFIED STAKES
Class 6 1m 1f 104yds (11 run) £3,078

1 (2) 3226 **EVA ROSIE (19)(B)** Mrs Stella Barclay 4 9 11 ... **A Jary (5)** 56
2 (5) 6043 **FLYING PANTHER (38)(A)(H,P,T)** James Owen 4 9 11 ... **S D Bowen (5)** ★58
3 (10) 554- **IMPRINT (324)** M Rimell 5 9 11 ... **R Clutterbuck** 50
4 (8) 4L30 **INEXPLICABLE (38)(CD7,C,A0)(T,V)** A Brittain 7 9 11 ... **C Hardie** 57
5 (7) 40-6 **TRACKMAN (24)** S Pearce 4 9 11 ... **T Heard (3)** 49
6 (1) LL0 **DISQUIETUDE (15)** J Butler 3 9 0 ... **A Mullen** 37
7 (4) 55LL **JAUNTY DANCER (51)(V)** C Dunnett 3 9 0 ... **C Howarth (3)** 51
8 (9) 4220 **LIGHTNING BAY (51)(P,T)** J Butler 3 9 0 ... **A Farragher** 53
9 (3) 06L0 **RASMAH (16)(B*)** A Watson 3 9 0 ... **L Morris** 52
10 (11) 30L5 **SUBALTERN (16)(A)(P,T)** Miss A Murphy 3 9 0 ... **Dylan Hogan** 52
11 (6) 0-03 **THEY (21)(P)** G Boughey 3 9 0 ... **Grace McEntee (3)** 55

Star Betting: 4 They, 9-2 Flying Panther, 5 Eva Rosie, 13-2 Inexplicable, 8 Lightning Bay, Imprint, 10 Rasmah, 12 Trackman, 14 others.

2023: No corresponding race.

STARFORM: FLYING PANTHER **DANGER:** Subaltern

7.40 NETZSCH THANK YOU HANDICAP (DIV 1)
Class 5 3YO 1m 1f (8 runners) £3,716

1 (8) 4-LL **ROYAL TAPESTRY (49)(BF,A)(V*)** C Johnston 9 11 ... **A Mullen** 74
2 (9) -560 **LUAS (24)** K P De Foy 9 8 ... **R Coakley** 75
3 (2) -454 **MUTTASIL (15)(BF)** Harry Eustace 9 8 ... **C Fallon** 76
4 (3) 400 **NIGHT LARK (15)** R Beckett 9 7 ... **R Clutterbuck** 72
5 (4) 1-06 **PALAZZO PERSICO (12)(A)** E Dunlop 9 7 ... **L Morris** 73
6 (6) 2L50 **CLAXTON BAY (10)(P)** R Hannon 9 5 ... **T Greatrex** 74
7 (5) 01-0 **CADOGAN GARDENS (38)(CD,A)(P)** C Hills 9 5 ... **W Cox** 71
8 (1) 6LLL **RICH HARRY (4)(P)** Alice Haynes 9 4 ... **DOUBTFUL**
9 (7) 5206 **GARDEN VIEW (14)** M Usher 8 10 ... **T Heard (3)** ★77

Star Betting: 2 Muttasil, 6 Royal Tapestry, Palazzo Persico, 13-2 Night Lark, Luas, 7 Garden View, 10 Claxton Bay, 14 Cadogan Gardens.
STARFORM: MUTTASIL **DANGER:** Cadogan Gardens

JASON HEAVEY / STAR TIP

JASON HEAVEY		STAR TIP
Pique'	5.28	Tiptoe
Cavallo Bay	6.00	Studious
Synthesize	6.35	Gaiety Musical
They	7.10	Imprint
Muttasil	7.40	Luas
Baroque Buoy	8.10	Night Of Desire
Lady Nagin	8.40	Lady Nagin

8.10 NETZSCH THANK YOU HANDICAP (DIV 2)
Class 5 3YO 1m 1f (9 runners) £3,716

1 (9) L-06 **TREASURE STORM (26)(S)** D F Davis 9 10 ... **O Lewis (7)** 70
2 (5) 4104 **NIGHT OF DESIRE (14)(A)** M Botti 9 8 ... **S D Bowen (5)** 71
3 (2) -042 **SUGARLOAF LENNY (7)(A)** W Knight 9 8 ... **L Morris** 76
4 (6) -0L6 **BETWEEN ME AND U (27)(S)(P)** Alice Haynes 9 7 ... **A Farragher** 72
5 (7) 0L22 **BAROQUE BUOY (29)** G Scott 9 6 ... **Liam Wright (5)** 75
6 (8) -6L4 **MISS IDUNN (9)** R Hannon 9 5 ... **L Keniry** 69
7 (3) -124 **THEWORLDSNOTENOUGH (20)(G)** T Ward 9 4 ... **T Whelan** ★78
8 (1) -003 **MADE ALL (41)** A Brittain 9 3 ... **C Hardie** 74
9 (4) LL-0 **SOVERAINE (14)** C Johnston 8 13 ... **A Mullen** 68

Star Betting: 9-4 Sugarloaf Lenny, 7-2 Baroque Buoy, 6 Others.
STARFORM: NIGHT OF DESIRE **DANGER:** Soveraine

8.40 RACECOURSE APP RACEDAY READY HCAP
Class 6 5f (9 runners) £2,983

1 (1) 4636 **WAKAI UMI (7)(CD,D2,A)(P)** M Loughnane 4 9 10 ... **R Coakley** 67
2 (7) 0601 **LADY NAGIN (28)(D,A)** A West 4 9 8 ... **T Whelan** 67
3 (4) 0640 **COMEDIAN LEADER (23)(A)** J & S Best 4 9 3 ... **L Keniry** 66
4 (3) 0-60 **MORE THAN LIKELY (27)(A,F,G)(P)** Mrs N Evans 8 9 2 ... **S D Bowen (5)** 64
5 (2) 0402 **USTATH (16)(CD,D3,A,G)** R Fell & S Murray 8 8 12 ... **C Fallon** 68
6 (6) -34L **NEXT SECOND (13)(CD3,A)** R Carr 5 8 12 ... **L Morris** 69
7 (9) 4000 **JOSIES KID (7)(CD,D2,A,S)** Alice Haynes 5 8 12 ... **C Howarth (3)** 66
8 (5) 0326 **ANOTHER ANGEL (58)(C,D9,A0)(V)** A Brittain 10 8 12 ... **C Hardie** ★70
9 (8) 6450 **MUTABAAHY (16)(CD7,C,D,A,G)(V)** A Brittain 9 8 11 ... **A Jary (5)** 61

Star Betting: 11-4 Lady Nagin, 10-3 Ustath, 5 Others.
STARFORM: MUTABAAHY **DANGER:** Ustath

LINGFIELD sky sports racing

GOING: STANDARD

PLACEPOT FIRST SIX RACES

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) A Watson 61 winners, (18.8% strike rate), -£35.30, A Carroll 59, (11.5%), -£76.83, R Hannon 57, (11.7%), -£96.70, G & J Moore 53, (12.7%), -£102.81.

6.25 AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP (AWT)
Class 6 1m 2f (11 runners) £2,831

1 (8) 2-0L **FEN TIGER (51)(S)** J Feilden 6 11 2 ... **Mr R Birkett** 43
2 (7) 0L44 **BAKERSBOY (7)(CD,A)(P)** Alice Haynes 6 11 1 ... **Mr S Walker** 43
3 (11) 11L0 **WARRIOR SQUARE (28)(A)(V)** T Kent 5 10 13 ... **Mr L Kent (5)** 43
4 (5) 6400 **CHICO DULCE (23)** M Madgwick 4 10 12 ... **Mr F Yarham (3)** ★48
5 (6) -012 **STORMINGIN (63)(D3,A,G,S)(B)** G & J Moore 11 10 11 ... **Mr Jude Fernandes (7)** 44
6 (10) 6010 **FOREVER PROUD (19)(CD2,A)** M Hoad 4 10 10 ... **Mr Patrick Millman** 43
7 (3) 12-0 **MAGICAL DRAGON (49)(CD,A,G)(V)** P Chamings 7 10 9 ... **Mr F Tett** 40
8 (2) /L-L **MI SUENO (42)** P Butler 5 10 8 ... **Miss M Trainor (5)** –
9 (1) 4000 **INCLEMENT WEATHER (38)(A)(T)** A Hales 6 10 7 ... **Miss Poppy Scott (5)** 42
10 (4) 5505 **DILLYDINGDILLYDONG (16)** James Owen 6 10 7 ... **Mr E Cagney** 43
11 (9) 6L-L **POPPYEQUIANO (17)(H)** P Butler 5 10 7 ... **Miss Michelle Bryant (5)** 36

Star Betting: 9-4 Bakersboy, 3 Stormingin, 11-2 Magical Dragon, 13-2 Dillydingdillydong, 12 others.
STARFORM: BAKERSBOY **DANGER:** Magical Dragon

7.00 GET RACEDAY READY HANDICAP (AWT)
Class 5 3YO 1m 2f (8 runners) £3,716

1 (7) 6204 **ALPEN POWER (14)(A)** C Johnston 9 11 ... **Archie Young (7)** 80
2 (3) 22LL **ENDOSSER (23)** M Botti 9 10 ... **M Ghiani** 82
3 (6) 6313 **WORRALS (30)(S)** R Beckett 9 7 ... **Josephine Gordon** 81
4 (5) 4-42 **MIDNIGHT RUMBLE (26)(BF)** A King 9 6 ... **P-L Jamin** ★84
5 (8) 03L1 **ROYAL PRAISE (14)(D,A)** E Dunlop 9 4 ... **P Cosgrave** 80
6 (1) 05-3 **BEAT THE CLOCK (159)** D M Simcock 9 3 ... **Georgia Dobie (3)** 83
7 (4) 2-0L **MOHAVE DANCER (41)(P*)** C Fellowes 9 2 ... **G Wood** 78
8 (2) -002 **SQUEAKER (81)** C Hobson 9 0 ... **L Catton (5)** 80

Star Betting: 10-3 Midnight Rumble, 4 Beat The Clock, 5 Worrals, Royal Praise, 6 Alpen Power, 7 Squeaker, 10 Others.
STARFORM: WORRALS **DANGER:** Royal Praise

TRACKFACTS (AW) Left-handed all-weather Polytrack of 1m 2f, 2f run-in. (Turf) Left-handed undulating course of 1m 4f, 3f run-in, races up to 7f are run on the straight course. Stalls today 1m2f Inside; Remainder Centre.

7.30 RACEDAY-READY.COM NOVICE STAKES
Class 5 2YO 6f (11 runners) £3,402

1 (2) L **BADECO (22)** P McEntee 9 7 ... **Josephine Gordon** 34
2 (10) 0 **BENTLEY AIR (36)** R Hannon 9 7 ... **S Hitchcott** 47
3 (11) 0 **KON'NICHIWA (9)** B Meehan 9 7 ... **Olivia Tubb (7)** 56
4 (3) 45 **PIT BOSS (9)** G Boughey 9 7 ... **P-L Jamin** ★75
5 (4) **ROGUE BULLET** Jack Jones 9 7 ... **Jack Doughty (5)** –
6 (8) **SEAGOLAZO** H Palmer 9 7 ... **C Hutchinson (3)** –
7 (7) **SOLAR ARMY** R Teal 9 7 ... **G Downing** –
8 (5) 5 **SPIRIT OF LEROS (40)** M Botti 9 7 ... **M Ghiani** 74
9 (6) L5 **TOLERANCE (16)** G Boughey 9 7 ... **P Cosgrave** 73
10 (1) L **DINKY DIVA (14)** P McEntee 9 2 ... **C Planas (3)** 20
11 (9) 06 **LEYHAIMUR (10)** D M Simcock 9 2 ... **Georgia Dobie (3)** 70

Star Betting: 5-2 Spirit Of Leros, 11-4 Pit Boss, 9-2 Seagolazo, 7 Rogue Bullet, 10 Tolerance, 12 Leyhaimur, 16 Solar Army, Bentley Air, 20 others.
STARFORM: PIT BOSS **DANGER:** Tolerance

8.00 RACEDAY READY CLASSIFIED STAKES
Class 6 7f (11 runners) £2,983

1 (5) 0051 **PORFIN (7)(D,A,G,S)(P)** P McEntee 6 10 0 ... **C Planas (3)** 56
2 (3) -065 **ALYARA (12)(BF,G)(P)** J & R Flint 6 9 9 ... **Taylor Fisher (3)** 49
3 (7) 3443 **ESSME (12)(CD,G)(P,T)** R Cook & J Bridger 6 9 9 ... **W Carson** 55
4 (2) 00-3 **GILT EDGE (17)(C,G)(P)** C Mason 8 9 9 ... **Gina Mangan (3)** 55
5 (8) 2000 **MOORGATE (35)(A)** P G Murphy 5 9 9 ... **C Hutchinson (3)** 59
6 (9) 4003 **RIVER WHARFE (13)(D3,A,G)(P)** A Carroll 6 9 9 ... **Jack Doughty (5)** 57
7 (6) 6-00 **RUN CMC (12)(G)(V)** P Chamings 4 9 9 ... **J Bryan** 58
8 (4) 5140 **SCRAMBLE (51)(A)(B)** C Allen 4 9 9 ... **P-L Jamin** 60
9 (10) 6060 **TOP BUTTON (16)(H,T)** S C Williams 6 9 9 ... **M Ghiani** ★61
10 (11) 4-0L **TWILIGHT KISS (19)** M Hoad 4 9 9 ... **S Hitchcott** 40
11 (1) -00L **YOU ARE MY WORLD (71)(A)(V*)** A Carroll 5 9 9 ... **Molly Gunn (7)** 48

Star Betting: 11-4 Porfin, 4 Essme, 9-2 Gilt Edge, 7 Alyara, 8 Scramble, River Wharfe, 10 Top Button, 14 Run Cmc, 25 others.
STARFORM: GILT EDGE **DANGER:** River Wharfe

JASON HEAVEY / STAR TIP

JASON HEAVEY		STAR TIP
Bakersboy	6.25	Dillydingdillydong
Worrals	7.00	Midnight Rumble
Tolerance	7.30	Pit Boss
River Wharfe	8.00	Essme
Yantarni	8.30	Yantarni
Spring Is Sprung	9.00	Spring Is Sprung

8.30 RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP
Class 4 7f (9 runners) £4,972

1 (8) 0503 **LOVE DE VEGA (19)(D4,A,G,S)** C Johnston 5 10 2 **Archie Young (7)** 86
2 (5) 4-04 **MARLAY PARK (20)(D4,G)** J Boyle 6 9 13 ... **P Cosgrave** 85
3 (6) LL30 **HODLER (20)(D4,G,S)** J Boyle 5 9 12 ... **L Catton (5)** 82
4 (2) -541 **YANTARNI (19)(CD,G,S)(P)** I Williams 5 9 9 ... **Josephine Gordon** 83
5 (4) -L15 **SECRET BID (20)(CD,D,A,G)(P*)** A Watson 3 9 7 ... **J Bryan** 83
6 (7) 41-0 **PILOTO PARDO (20)(D,A)** R Hannon 3 9 5 ... **S Hitchcott** 78
7 (9) 0033 **SIR OLIVER (19)(D6,A,G)(P)** C Dwyer 7 9 4 ... **M Ghiani** ★87
8 (3) 44-6 **FALCON NINE (23)** C Fellowes 4 9 3 ... **G Wood** 85
9 (1) 4100 **SO QUIET (26)(D,A)** Harry Charlton 3 9 1 ... **P-L Jamin** 84

Star Betting: 10-3 Yantarni, 7-2 So Quiet, 5 Others.
STARFORM: LOVE DE VEGA **DANGER:** Yantarni

9.00 RACEDAY-READY.COM HANDICAP
Class 5 5f (6 runners) £3,716

1 (1) -041 **SPRING IS SPRUNG (10)(D2,A,G)** P Midgley 5 9 9 ... **Archie Young (7)** ★85
2 (5) 460- **JUST GLAMOROUS (248)(D10,A,G,S)** C Mason 11 9 9 ... **Gina Mangan (3)** 82
3 (2) 6055 **PARISIAC (13)(C,D,G,S)(P)** Alice Haynes 5 9 7 ... **Anna Gibson (7)** 78
4 (6) 3302 **SAFARI DREAM (10)(BF,D3,G)(P)** B Millman 4 9 7 ... **G Downing** 84
5 (3) 3235 **DARLO PRIDE (54)(D3,A)(T,V)** A Carson 4 9 5 ... **W Carson** 83
6 (4) 1050 **AGOSTINO (10)(A)** R Cowell 4 9 3 ... **M Ghiani** 83

Star Betting: 7-4 Spring Is Sprung, 9-4 Others.
STARFORM: SAFARI DREAM **DANGER:** Spring Is Sprung

GREYHOUNDS

CRAYFORD

2.23 **SPEAKOFTHEDEVIL** (5) ... Zenta (3)
2.41 **COME ON LLOYD** (3) ... Swift Barney (1)
3.01 **MASTER MONDAY** (6) ... Moaning Capriati (5)
3.19 **CATUNDA RAVEN** (4) ... Tons Princess (3)
3.38 **ONE MORE TUNE** (1) ... Swift Charming (4)
3.57 **TRAPSTYLE WEE** (nap) (5) Slowlane Jenny (6)
4.16 **MOANING GABANA** (nb) (3) .. Moaning Sienna (2)
4.34 **LOW POINT** (2) ... Endova Mccoy (1)
4.53 **SNOOZING STAR** (4) ... Gringos On Tune (5)
5.12 **KELLSBORO AVA** (1) ... Roseville Best (2)
5.31 **TOMMYS LEGACY** (5) ... Moaning Kourtney (3)
5.49 **SWIFT ACCOLADE** (5) ... El Rapido (6)

KINSLEY

2.36 **CLONCUNNY SHELL** (2) ... Restless Jet (5)
2.54 **HAZELGROVE MILO** (3) ... Barnside Boyo (2)
3.13 **FAIRY HILL JOHN** (nb) (3) Rectors Reprieve (6)
3.32 **PINNACLE LEGACY** (2) ... Lally Road (1)
3.51 **SEBASTIAN** (5) ... Balymacken Diva (6)
4.09 **POUNDA PRISNA** (5) ... Airlie Molly (1)
4.28 **PASCALI ROSIE** (5) ... Spin It Danny (1)
4.47 **LYNSEYS ROSE** (5) ... Brosna Suzy (2)
5.06 **YESTERDAY** (6) ... Fearmore Colin (1)
5.24 **HIGHVIEW AMY** (nap) (2) ... Imokilly Madam (5)
5.43 **DE GIRL ANNIE** (6) ... Moanteen Federer (5)
6.02 **GLENVALE BEAU** (2) ... Missing Chances (6)

NOTTINGHAM SKY

11.09 **LONGACRES SNOUT** (5) ... Platinum Bea (1)
11.27 **ILLUSIVE JO** (1) ... Poxy Roxy (5)
11.43 **KELVA AIR** (nap) (1) ... Jaymir Setanta (6)
12.01 **HONOUR FACE** (1) ... Brickey Chief (4)
12.18 **TRYING AS ALWAYS** (5) . Thistlecrack Boy (4)
12.34 **HARWELL SILVER** (1) ... Come On Ellie (2)
12.51 **MYLILHONDAFIFTY** (5) ... Lexis Ironman (6)
1.08 **HONOUR ATHENA** (4) ... West Bank Ruby (5)
1.26 **NOT WIRED UP** (nb) (2) ... Foulkscourt Bull (5)
1.42 **WOLF REBEL** (3) ... Fairest Village (4)
1.59 **ARTIC BLUE** (5) ... Gelertandthewolf (4)
2.14 **SENAHEL SPOTTIE** (3) ... Jaymir Icon (4)

PERRY BARR

2.29 **TWILIGHT FAVOUR** (3) ... Rapido Beat (5)
2.48 **BURROW BUZZ** (5) ... Rosstemple Jaxi (3)
3.07 **SOUTHWIND NED** (4) ... Silverhill Duke (1)
3.26 **FIRECRACKERHEIDI** (nap) (2) .. Dreamin Faith (4)
3.44 **LEAVE A LEGACY** (nb) (5) ... Susie Blue (1)
4.03 **DE MAN GOOSE** (4) ... Wave The Flag (1)
4.22 **LIMEKILN PAM** (1) ... Hurryuphollywood (3)
4.41 **PORTHALL PAT** (2) ... Coolpeach Molly (1)
4.59 **SHORTWOOD UNO** (3) ... Burnpark Flame (6)
5.18 **LIGHTFOOT SPARTA** (1) ... Sherry Cream (3)
5.37 **BOGGER SCALLYWAG** (3) Porthall Tandon (4)
5.56 **BEANNACHT INA** (1) ... Swift Zebu (2)

OXFORD

11.38 **JUMPSTART JEN** (nb) (3) . Thisdivacanrun (1)
11.54 **ROSEGARLAND GINA** (4) Tolpuddle Rose (3)
12.12 **SPOT ON OISIN** (nap) (1) ... Not A Scooby (2)
12.29 **SELKER BAY EMILY** (2) ... Fireguard (3)
12.46 **BOYNESIDE BAILEY** (1) ... Limerick Girl (5)
1.03 **BRISK BONO** (5) ... Droopys Swag (2)
1.19 **CLONKEEN MAC** (3) ... Cuile Live Cross (4)
1.37 **POPA SULLY** (6) ... Savana Jumbo (3)
1.54 **CAUSEWAY JILL** (4) ... Savana Dakota (2)
2.11 **SAVANA TEHYA** (6) ... Sparta Smash (4)

TOWCESTER

3.11 **GURTNACREHY PAUL** (3) .. Trapstyle Louis (2)
3.29 **ROMEO BLADE** (1) ... Savana Cheetahs (3)
3.49 **ALL ABOUT KATE** (5) ... Savana Liston (6)
4.07 **ROCKET JAY** (1) ... Cloran Razz (4)
4.26 **SALACRES PRODIGY** (nb) (3) .. Confidentiality (2)
4.44 **CONNORS BULLET** (5) ... Savana Artemis (1)
5.03 **SALACRES SYDNEY** (5) ... Manx Koa (1)
5.21 **SALACRES PAIGE** (5) ... Coolemore North (6)
5.39 **SALACRES SLATER** (nap) (1) ... Mind The Mouse (2)
5.54 **SALACRES HARRY** (3) ... Bell Rock (4)

BAGS WINNERS AND PRICES

HOVE

2.23: **Pennys Kal** (1) 7-2, Fun Luvin Suzie (6) 9-4, bf: £15.19, tri: (1-6-2) £0.00. 2.41: **Touchdown Evie** (5) 6-1, Tunnelroad Star (2) 5-1, bf: £54.33, tri: (5-2-4) £120.35. 3.01: **Treaty Willow** (5) 10-11 fav, Bluestar Boss (3) 5-2, bf: £4.08, tri: (5-3-2) £0.00. 3.19: **Icaal Billy** (3) 9-2, Marston Jess (2) 4-7 fav, bf: £9.63, tri: (3-2-6) £0.00. 3.38: **Joyces Bolger** (4) 9-2, Beaming Starlet (3) 3-1, bf: £22.76, tri: (4-3-6) £0.00. 3.57: **Sunning Dale** (2) 6-5 fav, Bunny Trail (1) 5-2, bf: £5.06, tri: (2-1-5) £0.00. 4.16: **Matts Syd** (6) 2-1 fav, Melbury Curly (4) 9-4, bf: £8.00, tri: (6-4-1) £0.00. 4.34: **Bluestar Pilot** (4) 11-8 fav, Insane Lena (2) 5-2, bf: £5.73, tri: (4-2-3) £0.00. 4.53: **Taylors Pumpkin** (2) 7-4 fav, Imcaptainmorgan (1) 3-1, bf: £8.00, tri: (2-1-4) £32.55. 5.12: **Backoftheline** (2) 10-3, Rising Pebbles (3) 9-4 fav, bf: £14.05, tri: (2-3-1) £0.00. 5.31: **Kerrs Lacey** (3) 2-1, Antigua Guinness (6) 11-8 fav, bf: £5.48, tri: (3-6-4) £0.00. 5.49: **Farmway Shady** (2) 13-8 fav, Bonfire Bullet (1) 11-4, bf: £7.03, tri: (2-1-) £0.00.

MONMORE

11.01: **Skyfall Jeremy** (3) 12-1, Vixons Ranger (2) 5-1, bf: £86.30, tri: (3-2-4) £192.57. 11.18: **Outdoor Yankee** (4) 5-2, Ballincrea Bud (1) 11-4, bf: £11.41, tri: (4-1-2) £0.00. 11.34: **Seomra Stella** (3) 7-4, Alsinore (1) 6-4 fav, bf: £4.95, tri: (3-1-5) £0.00. 11.52: **Mossrich Frankie** (2) 16-1, Red Jellybean (5) 10-1, bf: £151.35, tri: (2-5-4) £0.00. 12.09: **Skyfall Roxy** (4) 7-2, Emotional Time (1) 5-1, bf: £25.82, tri: (4-1-6) £70.96. 12.26: **Ravenswell Zippy** (4) 4-1, Hilton Mary (5) 4-1, bf: £25.12, tri: (4-5-3) £62.23. 12.42: **Aero Maestro** (1) 6-1, Roxhill Melita (2) 22-1, bf: £98.73, tri: (1-2-5) £0.00. 12.59: **Meteoric Star** (4) 5-2, Tromora Fifi (1) 9-4 fav, bf: £10.50, tri: (4-1-2) £49.35. 1.17: **Treacle Sponge** (1) 5-1, Alfies Superstar (4) 4-7 fav, bf: £11.97, tri: (1-4-3) £27.54. 1.33: **Elderberry Ninja** (5) 5-1, Yama Rose (1) 11-4, bf: £27.22, tri: (5-1-4) £68.87. 1.51: **Chubbys Coco** (5) 10-3, Helicopter Molly (4) 2-1 fav, bf: £12.92, tri: (5-4-3) £0.00. 2.07: **Noduff Tropicana** (5) 5-1, Longacres Blanc (6) 5-2, bf: £22.91, tri: (5-6-4) £40.51.

NEWCASTLE

2.29: **Eden Pele** (1) 11-4 jt-fav, Fabulous Force (2) 9-2, bf: £15.41, tri: (1-2-3) £38.72. 2.48: **Crooks Patsy** (2) 10-3, Ballymac Neems (1) 10-3, bf: £16.98, tri: (2-1-3) £0.00. 3.07: **Highview Andrew** (1) 11-8 fav, Hazelfield Julie (4) 9-2, bf: £9.14, tri: (1-4-5) £32.92. 3.26: **Blackhouse Peggy** (6) 7-1, Moanteen Shadow (5) 2-1, bf: £28.17, tri: (6-5-2) £49.49. 3.44: **Westforth Trixie** (1) 6-1, Petes Wallet (4) 5-1, bf: £48.25, tri: (1-4-6) £133.78. 4.03: **Popper Gladys** (5) 9-2, Romeo Stingray (6) 4-5 fav, bf: £11.43, tri: (5-6-2) £29.29. 4.22: **Coppice Diva** (3) 4-1, Matts Fairone (5) 15-8, bf: £16.71, tri: (3-5-4) £0.00. 4.41: **Enchanting Lady** (2) 7-2, Blackhouse Flops (4) 3-1, bf: £18.20, tri: (2-4-6) £54.67. 4.59: **Alnwick Legend** (4) 6-1, Lastminutedotcom (5) 7-2, bf: £37.39, tri: (4-5-1) £84.82. 5.18: **Power Station** (4) 15-8 fav, Bramble Howe (6) 5-1, bf: £12.95, tri: (4-6-2) £37.53. 5.37: **Bramble Aggie** (3) 2-1 fav, Twopairofaces (2) 7-2, bf: £10.46, tri: (3-2-4) £21.34. 5.56: **Classy Edge** (5) 7-2, Ratchies Biddy (6) 7-2, bf: £18.74, tri: (5-6-4) £39.78.

NOTTINGHAM

11.09: **Boherash Anna** (1) 4-1, Peads News (5) 7-2, bf: £25.83, tri: (1-5-3) £105.79. 11.27: **Swift Nikita** (4) 11-10 fav, Kelva Eve (2) 9-2, bf: £8.18, tri: (4-2-6) £30.18. 11.43: **Himbos Crystal** (3) 9-1, Hitman Marshall (6) 8-11 fav, bf: £23.29, tri: (3-6-4) £52.63. 12.01: **Bit View Honey** (5) 13-8 fav, Feora Nick (6) 7-2, bf: £8.45, tri: (5-6-4) £25.46. 12.18: **Vampire Moon** (4) 8-11 fav, Drumalee Holly (3) 7-1, bf: £8.47, tri: (4-3-2) £21.41. 12.34: **Manuka Duchess** (1) 5-2, Cantys Double (3) 7-1, bf: £21.78, tri: (1-3-4) £43.16. 12.51: **Swift Satisfy** (5) 15-8 fav, Harwell Blondie (3) 4-1, bf: £12.48, tri: (5-3-6) £28.45. 1.08: **Gummy Bear** (4) 7-1, Dromana Fury (5) 3-1, bf: £38.33, tri: (4-5-1) £106.54. 1.26: **Hundredacrebear** (2) 11-8 fav, Sudoky Sullivan (4) 9-2, bf: £9.66, tri: (2-4-3) £20.73. 1.42: **Masonmonkeymac** (3) 8-1, Wolf Eclipse (1) 6-4 fav, bf: £28.20, tri: (3-1-2) £66.79. 1.59: **Havana Country** (3) 10-3, Jaymir Lucy (2) 5-1, bf: £23.05, tri: (3-2-1) £60.50. 2.14: **Pilgrims Pride** (3) 13-8 fav, Heaven Angel (1) 5-1, bf: £10.74, tri: (3-1-2) £32.14.

TODAY'S ABC

A - Ascot C - Chelmsford City L - Lingfield R - Ripon W - Wolverhampton

Aberama Gold ... R 3.55
Aesterius ... A 2.30
Agostino ... L 9.00
Air Commander ... A 5.05
Al Musmak ... A 5.40
Almaty Star ... C 2.50
Almudena ... W 5.28
Alpen Power ... L 7.00
Alyara ... L 8.00
Alzahir ... A 6.15
An Realta Carraig ... R 2.05
Another Angel ... W 8.40
Arctic Thunder ... A 5.05
Arizona Blaze ... A 2.30
Aspire To Glory ... R 5.10
Assailant ... A 3.05
Assessment ... C 5.20
Autumn Winter ... A 3.05
Awaal ... A 6.15
Badeco ... L 7.30
Bakersboy ... L 6.25
Baradar ... A 6.15
Baritus Bellator ... W 6.35
Baroque Buoy ... W 8.10
Bass Player ... C 5.20
Bay Breeze ... R 3.55
Beat The Clock ... L 7.00
Beauhaather ... C 2.15
Bellum Justum ... A 5.40
Bentley Air ... L 7.30
Bergamasco ... A 5.05
Between Me And U .. W 8.10
Billy Mill ... C 5.20
Billyjoh ... A 6.15
Binadham ... A 2.30
Blinky ... A 2.30
Blue Lemons ... A 5.05
Boasty ... C 5.20
Bobsleigh ... A 5.05
Bold Suitor ... C 5.20
Bopedro ... A 6.15
Bora Bora ... C 5.20
Bracken's Laugh ... A 5.40
Brassavola ... C 4.50
Brindavan ... W 6.00
Buraback ... C 2.50
Burj Malinka ... R 2.40
Cadogan Gardens ... W 7.40
Caius Chorister ... A 4.25
Can Can Girl ... R 1.35
Canaria Queen ... R 2.40
Capla Daviekins ... R 2.05
Carnival Day ... R 4.35
Carrytheone ... A 6.15
Cavallo Bay ... W 6.00
Caviar Heights ... A 5.40
Chantilly ... A 3.05
Chelsea Flower ... C 3.30
Chico Dulce ... L 6.25
Chourmo ... C 4.50
City Burglar ... A 3.05
Claxton Bay ... W 7.40
Clifftop Heaven ... R 1.35
Cogitate ... A 5.05
Coltrane ... A 4.25
Comedian Leader ... W 8.40
Continuance ... R 4.35
Corpus Juris ... W 6.00
Cracking Gold ... A 5.05
Crown's Lady ... R 5.10
Cuban Tiger ... A 5.05
Cyclonite ... C 2.15
Dakota Gold ... R 3.55
Danielle ... A 3.45
Dark Side Prince ... C 2.50
Dark Thirty ... A 6.15
Dark Thunderstorm ... C 2.15
Darlo Pride ... L 9.00
Dashing Darcey ... A 5.05
Diamond Rain ... A 3.45
Diamond Ranger ... C 4.10
Dillydingdillydong ... L 6.25
Dinky Diva ... L 7.30
Disquietude ... W 7.10
Divine Libra ... A 6.15
Divine Presence ... W 5.28
Dragon Leader ... A 5.05
Early Morning Dew ... C 4.50
East India Dock ... A 3.05
Ehtiram ... C 3.30
Emperor Spirit ... C 2.50
Emu War ... R 5.10
Endosser ... L 7.00
Enemy ... A 4.25
Enfjaar ... C 4.10
English Oak ... A 6.15
Essme ... L 8.00
Eva Rosie ... W 7.10
Evelyn's Phoenix ... R 5.10
Evening Saigon ... A 2.30
Expected Arrival ... C 3.30
Expert Elsa ... W 6.35
Ey Up Its The Boss ... R 3.20
Falcon Nine ... L 8.30
Fast Deal ... R 1.35
Fen Tiger ... L 6.25
Filibustering ... R 4.35
Finn's Charm ... A 6.15
First Look ... A 5.40
Flavius Titus ... R 2.40
Flying Panther ... W 7.10
Follow Me ... A 5.05
Forest Fairy ... A 3.45
Forever Proud ... L 6.25
Foro Romano ... C 2.15
Fountain Cross ... R 3.20
Fouroneohfever ... A 3.05
Freds Mate ... R 4.35
French Duke ... A 3.05
Fresh ... A 6.15
Gaiety Musical ... W 6.35
Gallantly ... A 3.05
Garden Oasis ... R 3.20
Garden View ... W 7.40
Gasper De Lemos ... A 3.05
Gilded Water ... A 3.05
Gilt Edge ... L 8.00
Glitter Code ... R 2.05
Go Daddy ... A 3.05
Going The Distance ... A 3.05
Gorak ... A 6.15
Greatest Time ... R 2.40
Greatgadian ... A 6.15
Greenlightforgo ... R 4.35
Gregory ... A 4.25
Grey Cuban ... A 5.05
Harry Brown ... C 2.50
Heatherdown Hero ... R 1.35
Hey Lyla ... C 5.20
Higher Leaves ... A 3.45
Highland Bling ... A 3.05
Highland Olly ... W 6.35
Hodler ... L 8.30
Hortzadar ... R 3.20
Hunters Run ... W 6.35
Hurstwood ... R 2.40
Impressor ... R 2.40
Imprint ... W 7.10
Inbetweenus ... C 3.30
Inclement Weather ... L 6.25
Inexplicable ... W 7.10
Involvement ... A 5.05
Itsallaboutus ... R 2.05
Jaunty Dancer ... W 7.10
Jayarebe ... A 5.40
Je Zous ... A 3.45
Jenson Benson ... C 4.50
Josies Kid ... W 8.40
Just Glamorous ... L 9.00
Kalpana ... A 3.45
Kamboo ... A 3.05
Kimchi ... C 3.30
King's Gambit ... A 5.40
King's Gamble ... A 5.05
Kings Time ... A 6.15
Kitten Gloves ... W 6.35
Kon'nichiwa ... L 7.30
Koy Koy ... A 6.15
Kyprios ... A 4.25
Lady Nagin ... W 8.40
Larenta ... C 3.30
Lautrec ... A 5.05
Lava Stream ... A 3.45
Lazieelunch ... W 6.00
Leyhaimur ... L 7.30
Lift Lady ... C 2.15
Lightning Bay ... W 7.10
Likleman ... R 5.10
Line Of Force ... R 2.05
Loom ... A 2.30
Loose Tongue ... R 5.10
Lord Riddiford ... C 2.50
Love De Vega ... L 8.30
Love Rock ... C 2.15
Love Warrior ... R 3.20
Love You Darling ... W 5.28
Lovely Spirit ... R 2.05
Loves Loving ... C 3.30
Luas ... W 7.40
Made All ... W 8.10
Magical Dragon ... L 6.25
Make Me King ... A 6.15
Makemineaguinness W 6.35
Mambha ... R 5.10
Manila Scouse ... R 3.55
Marine Wave ... R 3.55
Marion's Boy ... C 4.50
Marlay Park ... L 8.30
Masar Way ... C 3.30
Maywake ... A 6.15
Mi Sueno ... L 6.25
Mickley ... A 5.05
Midnight Rumble ... L 7.00
Mildyjama ... C 4.50
Miletus ... A 5.05
Milford ... A 2.30
Miss Idunn ... W 8.10
Mission To Moon ... A 5.05
Moab ... C 4.50
Mohave Dancer ... L 7.00
Monkey Island ... A 5.05
Mooeeaz ... W 6.00
Moorgate ... L 8.00
More Than Likely ... W 8.40
Mostabshir ... A 6.15
Moving Force ... A 2.30
Mr Professor ... A 6.15
Mr Wagyu ... R 3.55
Mustajaab ... A 6.15
Mutabaahy ... W 8.40
Muttasil ... W 7.40
My Noble Lord ... R 4.35
Native Warrior ... A 5.05
Naval Force ... A 3.05
Neski Sherelski ... A 3.05
Never Know ... C 2.15
Next Second ... W 8.40
Night Breeze ... C 4.50
Night Lark ... W 7.40
Night Of Desire ... W 8.10
Nights Over Egypt ... R 2.40
Noodle Mission ... C 5.20
Northern Express ... A 6.15
Opal Storm ... R 2.40
Palazzo Persico ... W 7.40
Papagrey ... R 5.10
Parisiac ... L 9.00
Pasea Grande ... W 6.35
Patrol ... W 6.00
Percy's Lad ... A 6.15
Peripeteia ... R 1.35
Persica ... A 3.05
Piloto Pardo ... L 8.30
Pique' ... W 5.28
Pit Boss ... L 7.30
Point Of Honour ... R 1.35
Poniros ... A 3.05
Poppyequiano ... L 6.25
Porfin ... L 8.00
Port Fairy ... A 3.45
Portland ... A 5.40
Positivia ... C 3.30
Princess Shabnam ... C 2.50
Prydwen ... A 4.25
Qamari ... C 3.30
Qirat ... A 5.05
Queens Fort ... A 3.45
Rascallion ... C 5.20
Rasmah ... W 7.10
Rayena ... R 1.35
Redrosezorro ... R 2.40
Respectable Jack ... W 6.35
Restrict ... C 5.20
Rhoscolyn ... A 6.15
Rich Harry ... W 7.40
River Alwen ... C 4.50
River Wharfe ... L 8.00
Rock Hunter ... A 2.30
Rocking Ends ... C 2.50
Rogue Bullet ... L 7.30
Ropey Guest ... A 6.15
Roxanne ... C 4.10
Royal Parade ... C 5.20
Royal Praise ... L 7.00
Royal Tapestry ... W 7.40
Rubies Are Red ... A 3.45
Run Cmc ... L 8.00
Run This Way ... R 2.40
Running Star ... C 5.20
Safari Dream ... L 9.00
Safwan ... A 5.05
Sameem ... R 1.35
Saturday Flirt ... A 2.30
Scramble ... L 8.00
Seagolazo ... L 7.30
Seahorse Syd ... R 5.10
Secret Bid ... L 8.30
Shaheen Saqaar ... C 4.50
Shanti Shanti ... R 2.05
Shareholder ... A 2.30
Sheema's Rose ... A 3.45
Shielas Well ... R 2.05
Sir Les Patterson ... A 5.05
Sir Oliver ... L 8.30
Sir Palamedes ... C 2.15
Siyola ... A 3.45
Skukuza ... A 5.05
Sniper's Eye ... C 4.10
So Quiet ... L 8.30
Solar Army ... L 7.30
Son Of Man ... A 5.05
Sons And Lovers ... A 5.40
Sous La Neige ... A 6.15
Soveraine ... W 8.10
Spirit Of Leros ... L 7.30
Spring Is Sprung ... L 9.00
Springbecamesummer ... C 3.30
Squeaker ... L 7.00
Stapleford Park ... R 2.05
Starlore ... A 5.05
Stay Well ... C 4.10
Stellarmasterpiece ... R 1.35
Sterling Knight ... A 6.15
Stormingin ... L 6.25
Stromberg ... A 5.40
Studious ... W 6.00
Subaltern ... W 7.10
Sugarloaf Lenny ... W 8.10
Summerghand ... A 6.15
Sunshine State ... C 2.15
Sustained ... W 6.35
Sweet William ... A 4.25
Synthesize ... W 6.35
Tacarib Bay ... A 6.15
Taraj ... A 5.40
Tarjeeh ... C 4.10
Teatime ... C 3.30
Telford ... C 2.15
Thanks Dad ... W 6.35
The Camden Colt ... A 5.05
The Defiant ... C 2.50
The Man ... A 2.30
The X O ... A 6.15
Theworldsnotenough . W 8.10
They ... W 7.10
Tiptoe ... W 5.28
Tolerance ... L 7.30
Toota ... R 2.05
Top Button ... L 8.00
Trackman ... W 7.10
Trawlerman ... A 4.25
Treasure Storm ... W 8.10
Tropical Storm ... A 2.30
Trueshan ... A 4.25
Twelfth Knight ... R 3.55
Twilight Kiss ... L 8.00
Under The Sun ... A 5.40
Unthinkable ... R 2.05
Up The Jazz ... R 3.20
Ustath ... W 8.40
Valkyrian ... C 5.20
Vallamorey ... R 1.35
Vauban ... A 4.25
Vercors ... A 5.05
Very Excellent ... R 3.20
Volterra ... A 5.05
Wadacre Gomez ... C 4.10
Wakai Umi ... W 8.40
Warda Jamila ... A 3.05
Warrior Square ... L 6.25
Watch My Tracer ... A 5.05
Watcha Matey ... A 5.05
Whatwouldiknow ... R 5.10
Whip Cracker ... A 5.05
Whistlejacket ... A 2.30
White Umbrella ... R 2.40
Worrals ... L 7.00
Yantarni ... L 8.30
You Are My World ... L 8.00
You Got To Me ... A 3.45
Zealot ... C 4.10

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TOP SECRETS FROM THE TRADING ROOM William HILL

Lee Phelps, spokesperson for William Hill, says...

It's Gold Cup day and many eyes will be on Kypros as he seeks to join an exclusive club of multiple winners of the race.

Aidan O'Brien's six-year-old is weak in the market though at 5-4 from 5-6, and the one we've seen money for is **TRAWLERMAN (4.25)**, who beat Kypros on Champions Day and is 6-1 from 10-1.

The other John and Thady Gosden runner **SWEET WILLIAM** is also a mover in the market at 12-1 from 16-1.

The day begins with the Norfolk Stakes, which was won by an Amo Racing horse last year and it's another from the same team that we've seen most support for, with **ARIZONA BLAZE (2.30)** 9-1 from 11-1.

In the King George V Stakes, we've seen good money for royal runner **GILDED WATER (3.05)**, who is 15-2 from 17-2.

At 9-2 from 6-1, **KALPANA (3.45)** is a significant mover in the Ribblesdale for Andrew Balding (*above*) but favourite **DIAMOND RAIN** is also strong at 6-4 from 13-8 and could be hard to beat.

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GOLD RUSH: Trawlerman has attracted Gold Cup support

FIRST LOOK AT TOMORROW'S ASCOT CARD

2.30 ALBANY STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 3)
Class 1 2YO 6f (17 runners) £70,888

1 (4) 1 **BURNING PINE (56)(B*)** W A Ward (USA) 9 2 .... **J Rosario**
2 (3) 23 **CALIFORNIA DREAMER (33)** A Murray (IRE) 9 2 .... **David Egan**
3 (9) 132 **CONVO (19)(S)** Miss A Murphy 9 2 .... **T Marquand**
4 (14) 332 **CRADLE OF LOVE (19)(B*)** J P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2 .... **D McMonagle**
5 (6) 21 **FAIRY GODMOTHER (33)(D,G)** A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2 .... **R L Moore**
6 (17) 21 **HEAVENS GATE (26)(D,G)** A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2 .... **W M Lordan**
7 (8) 11 **HOT DARLING (37)(S)** Miss A Murphy 9 2 .... **S De Sousa**
8 (5) 10 **JAYVEE (35)(S)** B Ellison 9 2 .... **C D Hayes**
9 (2) 4 **KYLIE OF LOCHALSH (42)** G Kelleway 9 2 .... **H Turner**
10 (15) 1 **LIBERALISED (15)(D,G)** K R Burke 9 2 .... **D Tudhope**
11 (12) 11 **MOUNTAIN BREEZE (34)(D,G)** C Appleby 9 2 .... **W Buick**
12 (7) 24 **NAD ALSHIBA SNOW (13)** M Appleby 9 2 .... **Rossa Ryan**
13 (1) 3 **PEREGRINE FALCON (14)** E Mullins (IRE) 9 2 .... **C T Keane**
14 (16) 1 **ROYALTY BAY (22)(D,S)** J & S Quinn 9 2 .... **J Hart**
15 (11) 3 **SIMMERING (27)(BF)** Ollie Sangster 9 2 .... **J P Spencer**
16 (10) 13 **SUBSTITUTE (22)(BF,D,G)** C Johnston 9 2 .... **O Murphy**
17 (13) 1 **TWAFEEG (20)(G)** A Watson 9 2 .... **H Doyle**

Star Betting: 7-4 Fairy Godmother, 5-2 Mountain Breeze, 6 Heavens Gate, 8 Burning Pine, 10 California Dreamer, 14 Twafeeg, 20 Royalty Bay, 25 Simmering, Hot Darling, Liberalised, 33 others.

3.05 COMMONWEALTH CUP (GROUP 1) (SERIES)
Class 1 3YO 6f (15 runners) £411,573

1 (4) **ELITE STATUS (34)(D2,G,S)**
3100-1 K R Burke 9 2 .... **C Lee**

2 (15) **EVADE (21)(D,G,S)**
1L20-1 A Watson 9 2 .... **O Murphy**

3 (14) **GIVEMETHEBEATBOYS (33)(BF,D3,G,S)**
434-12 J Harrington (IRE) 9 2 .... **S Foley**

4 (1) **INISHERIN (27)(D,A,S)**
2-161 K Ryan 9 2 .... **T Eaves**

5 (5) **JASOUR (51)(CD,D,F,G)**
110L-1 C Cox 9 2 .... **J Crowley**

6 (3) **KIND OF BLUE (34)(D2,A,F)**
11 J Fanshawe 9 2 .... **D Muscutt**

7 (8) **LAKE FOREST (265)(D2,F)**
12410- W Haggas 9 2 .... **T Marquand**

8 (7) **LOUIS BARTHAS (34)**
3-0 Ollie Sangster 9 2 .... **J F Egan**

9 (12) **MALC (34)(F)**
1264-4 R Fahey 9 2 .... **Oisin Orr**

10 (9) **MILITARY (33)(D(B,T)**
43-544 A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2 .... **R L Moore**

11 (11) **ORNE (27)(A,S)(B)**
233202 J & T Gosden 9 2 .... **K Shoemark**

12 (10) **POCKLINGTON (34)(D2,A)(V*)**
115 G Oldroyd 9 2 .... **H Russell**

13 (6) **STARLUST (27)(D3,A,G)(B*)**
3-2361 R Beckett 9 2 .... **Rossa Ryan**

14 (2) **CLASSIC FLOWER (35)(BF,D,G)**
51-222 P Cottier (FR) 8 13 .... **M Barzalona**

15 (13) **PANDORA'S GIFT (50)(D4,A)**
21-111 S C Williams 8 13 .... **S M Levey**

Star Betting: 2 Inisherin, 3 Elite Status, 11-2 Jasour, 10 Givemethebeatboys, Starlust, 16 Military, Orne, 20 Lake Forest, Pandora's Gift, 25 others.

3.45 CORONATION STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 1)
Class 1 3YO 1m (10 runners) £368,615

1 (3) **CONTENT (40)(D,G,S)**
2614-0 A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2 .... **W M Lordan**

2 (10) **DEVOTED QUEEN (35)(D2,A,G,S)(H)**
1-11 C Appleby 9 2 .... **W Buick**

3 (7) **ELMALKA (47)(D,A,G)**
1-31 R Varian 9 2 .... **James Doyle**

4 (4) **FOLGARIA (40)(D,G)**
11-10 M Botti 9 2 .... **H Doyle**

5 (9) **OPERA SINGER (26)(D3,G)**
1211-3 A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2 .... **R L Moore**

6 (5) **PORTA FORTUNA (47)(C,F,G,S)**
2312-2 Donnacha O'Brien (IRE) 9 2 .... **T Marquand**

7 (1) **RAMATUELLE (47)(G,S)**
112-23 C H Head (FR) 9 2 .... **O Murphy**

8 (2) **ROUHIYA (40)(D,A,G)**
31-31 F Graffard (FR) 9 2 .... **M Guyon**

9 (6) **SEE THE FIRE (47)(G)**
123-0 A Balding 9 2 .... **D Probert**

10 (8) **SKELLET (26)(F)**
412-0 R Beckett 9 2 .... **Rossa Ryan**

Star Betting: 6-4 Opera Singer, 10-3 Elmalka, 4 Ramatuelle, 7 Porta Fortuna, 12 Devoted Queen, 14 Rouhiya, 25 Content, 33 Skellet, See The Fire, 66 Folgaria.

STARFORM **OPERA SINGER** 7-2 (9-2) Led and disputed, kept wide early, tracked leaders after 2 1/2f, 3rd halfway, ridden to close 2f out, no impression on leader 1 1/2f out, no extra in 3rd inside final furlong, kept on same pace, 3rd of 13, 5l behind Fallen Angel (9-2) at Curragh 1m 3yo Fll Grp 1 (1) in May.

Elmalka 28-1 (9-2) Slowly into stride, held up in rear, good headway near side of group chasing leaders over 1f out, ridden and stayed on inside final furlong, led final strides, won at Newmarket 1m 3yo Fll Grp 1 (1) gd in May beating Porta Fortuna (9-2) by nk, 16 ran.

Ramatuelle 9-2 (9-2) Tracked leader, led over 2f out, went clear in the dip, ridden and reduced lead 1f out, headed final strides, lost 2nd post, 3rd of 16, 1/2l behind Elmalka (9-2) at Newmarket 1m 3yo Fll Grp 1 (1) gd in May.

Porta Fortuna 11-1 (9-2) Held up mid-division near side of group, pushed along and good headway chasing leaders over 2f out, went 2nd inside final 2f, ridden and stayed on inside final furlong, went 2nd post, 2nd of 16, nk behind Elmalka (9-2) at Newmarket 1m 3yo Fll Grp 1 (1) gd in May.

Devoted Queen 3-1fav (9-2) In touch, pushed along and headway approaching final furlong, ridden to lead inside final furlong, ran on, won at York 1m 3yo lst fll (1) gd in May beating Spiritual (9-2) by 2l, 9 ran.

Rouhiya 33-1 (8-13) won at ParisLongchamp(FR) 1m 3yo Fll Grp 1 gd in May beating Kathmandu (8-13) by hd, 15 ran.

Content 7-1 (8-13) 8th of 15, 2l behind Rouhiya (8-13) at ParisLongchamp(FR) 1m 3yo Fll Grp 1 gd in May.

4.25 DUKE OF EDINBURGH STAKES (HANDICAP)
Class 2 1m 4f (22 runners) £56,694

1 (12) 120- **KOLOSSAL (250)(BF,D,G,S)** J Osborne 6 9 12 .... **S Osborne**
2 (14) -51L **TEUMESSIAS FOX (84)(D3,A,G)** A Balding 5 9 12 .... **C Hutchinson (3)**
3 (4) 1-11 **CRYSTAL BLACK (27)(G,S)** G Keane (IRE) 6 9 10 .... **C T Keane**
4 (17) 250/ **MANDOOB (714)(D2,A,G)** B Meehan 6 9 10 .... **S M Levey**
5 (11) 10-5 **SAFECRACKER (27)(D2,A,G)(H,T)** J P Murtagh (IRE) 6 9 8 .... **W Buick**
6 (1) 512- **LA YAKEL (251)(BF,CD,A,S)** W Haggas 5 9 7 .... **T Marquand**
7 (10) 10-6 **CUMULONIMBUS (146)(D2,G,S)(P,T)** G Baker 5 9 4 .... **H Doyle**
8 (16) L0-6 **EPIC POET (35)(S)** D O'Meara 5 9 4 .... **D Tudhope**
9 (21) 11-2 **DEAKIN (27)(D2,S)(P,T)** J P O'Brien (IRE) 4 9 4 .... **D McMonagle**
10 (7) 1L-0 **MARHABA THE CHAMP (37)(D,G,S)** K Ryan 5 9 3 .... **Rossa Ryan**
11 (22) 24-1 **BAGUE D'OR (47)(C,D,G)** J Ferguson 6 9 3 .... **D Muscutt**
12 (15) 1-30 **PARTY CENTRAL (3)(D,S)(T)** G Elliott (IRE) 8 9 3 .... **D McDonogh**
13 (6) 04-1 **SEA KING (55)(D3,A,G,S)** Sir M Prescott 5 9 3 .... **L Morris**
14 (2) -612 **FAIRBANKS (19)(BF,D4,A,G,S)(V)** A Balding 4 9 1 .... **O Murphy**
15 (19) 412- **SHADOW DANCE (252)(D,G)** R Varian 4 9 1 .... **James Doyle**
16 (18) 31-2 **ETHICAL DIAMOND (40)(D)** W P Mullins (IRE) 4 9 1 .... **R L Moore**
17 (8) -003 **STRUTH (13)(D,G,S)(P)** C Johnston 4 9 1 .... **R Kingscote**
18 (5) 3525 **VAGUELY ROYAL (27)(BF,D3,A,G)(P)** J & T Gosden 4 9 1 .... **K Shoemark**
19 (9) 115- **SHEER ROCKS (349)(CD,D,F,G,S)** E J-Houghton 5 9 0 .... **C Bishop**
20 (13) 3-22 **ZIGGY (20)(D,A,G)** Harry Eustace 6 9 0 .... **RESERVE**
21 (3) 3-11 **TONY MONTANA (27)(G)** M Bell 4 9 0 .... **RESERVE**
22 (20) 05-0 **NDAAWI (3)(G,S)** G Elliott (IRE) 4 9 0 .... **RESERVE**

Star Betting: 7-2 Ethical Diamond, 6 Deakin, Crystal Black, 10 La Yakel, Shadow Dance, 16 others.

5.05 SANDRINGHAM STAKES (FILLIES' HANDICAP)
Class 2 3YO 1m (33 runners) £56,694

1 (22) 12-2 **KITTY ROSE (75)(G)** M & M M Kent Jnr (AUS) 9 9 .... **O Murphy**
2 (6) 4301 **EVERLASTING (13)(D2,G,S)(V*)** A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 7 .... **R L Moore**
3 (16) 1-64 **JULICA (29)(D3,G,S)(H*)** C Ferland (FR) 9 6 .... **W Buick**
4 (18) 0-53 **SOPRANO (20)(G)** G Boughey 9 5 .... **Billy Loughnane**
5 (25) -132 **ASIAN DAZE (13)(G,S)** J P Murtagh (IRE) 9 2 .... **B M Coen**
6 (2) 15-1 **FOREVER BLUE (15)(G,S)** R Beckett 9 0 .... **James Doyle**
7 (17) 344- **HARD TO RESIST (238)(S)** W Haggas 9 0 .... **T Marquand**
8 (8) 15-L **ZENJABEELA (35)(A,G)** R Varian 8 13 .... **M Barzalona**
9 (7) 1-21 **FAIR ANGELLICA (23)(A,S)** R Hughes 8 13 .... **F Marsh**
10 (23) -342 **FLIGHT OF FANCY (26)(BF)** A P O'Brien (IRE) 8 13 .... **W M Lordan**
11 (19) 1-14 **ROCHELLE (12)(A)** K P De Foy 8 12 .... **David Egan**
12 (20) 21-2 **WITHOUT WORDS (19)(D,G)** J P O'Brien (IRE) 8 11 .... **D McMonagle**
13 (24) L-00 **GUSHING GOLD (27)(G)** A Balding 8 11 .... **C Hutchinson (3)**
14 (30) -126 **SATTWAA (32)(BF,D,A)** A Watson 8 11 .... **L Morris**
15 (28) 4-23 **ULURU (19)(S)** J P O'Brien (IRE) 8 11 .... **M Guyon**
16 (26) 2165 **BELLARCHI (21)(CD,A,G,S)** G Tuer 8 10 .... **Brandon Wilkie (5)**
17 (4) 21-1 **INDELIBLE (21)(D2,A,S)** R Beckett 8 10 .... **H Crouch**
18 (29) 212 **CAT NINJA (16)(D,G)** J & T Gosden 8 10 .... **K Shoemark**
19 (21) -250 **MARCELLA (26)(S)(H)** A Balding 8 9 .... **D Probert**
20 (12) -431 **ARISAIG (20)(D,A,G)** C Johnston 8 8 .... **J P Spencer**
21 (32) 61-1 **NOCTURNAL (83)(D,A,G)** J Ferguson 8 8 .... **S Osborne**
22 (14) 511 **ZAYNAB (26)(D,G,S)** G Elliott (IRE) 8 7 .... **D McDonogh**
23 (13) -114 **MY MARGIE (41)(D,A)** R Hughes 8 5 .... **Jack Doughty (5)**
24 (3) 1-41 **MRS MORRELL (25)(A,S)** J & T Gosden 8 4 .... **T Heard (3)**
25 (31) 4-21 **VIENNOISE (77)(A)** A Watson 8 2 .... **H Doyle**
26 (27) 1-10 **RAKNAH (54)(D,A)** J Harrington (IRE) 8 2 .... **J Fanning**
27 (33) -454 **STRUTTING (12)(A)** J & T Gosden 8 2 .... **Miss Rachel King**
28 (10) 2-13 **D FLAWLESS (14)(BF,D,A)** J & T Gosden 8 2 .... **K O'Neill**
29 (1) -221 **BATTLE QUEEN (31)(D,G)** A Balding 8 2 .... **H Turner**
30 (9) 21-3 **LOU LOU'S GIFT (23)(A)(H)** W Haggas 8 2 .... **Joanna Mason**
31 (11) 4-12 **SHIN JIDAI (23)(BF,A,G)** R Varian 8 2 .... **RESERVE**
32 (5) 1146 **QUEEN OF ATLANTIS (27)(D,A)** P Chapple-Hyam 8 2 .... **RESERVE**
33 (15) 22-1 **MERCURY DAY (19)(D,G)** C Allen 8 2 .... **RESERVE**

Star Betting: 4 Indelible, 10 Kitty Rose, 12 Everlasting, 14 Fair Angellica, Without Words, Forever Blue, Zaynab, Flight Of Fancy, Hard To Resist, 16 others.

TRACKFACTS Right-handed galloping track of 1m 6f, straight mile, stiff uphill finish. Stalls today Straight Centre; Round Inside.

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) J & T Gosden 42 winners, (15.1% strike rate), -£28.68, A Balding 33, (10.4%), -£75.05, W Haggas 28, (13.0%), -£78.82, R Varian 27, (13.0%), -£5.71, C Appleby 24, (15.6%), -£32.13, R Hannon 20, (7.5%), +£34.06, A P O'Brien 19, (9.1%), -£102.08, E Walker 17, (14.4%), -£18.59, C Cox 15, (10.0%), +£105.51, K R Burke 11, (13.3%), +£31.76, R Beckett 11, (8.1%), -£47.10, E J-Houghton 10, (12.0%), +£1.70.

TOP JOCKEYS (with mounts) Ryan Moore 32 winners, (11.9% strike rate), -£104.87, Jim Crowley 31, (14.6%), -£13.95, William Buick 27, (12.1%), -£9.04, Oisin Murphy 27, (12.4%), -£52.42, Tom Marquand 21, (8.7%), -£13.64, Hollie Doyle 18, (10.8%), +£52.96, Daniel Tudhope 13, (8.7%), +£14.50, Rossa Ryan 13, (11.1%), +£139.00, James Doyle 13, (7.0%), -£95.75.

5.40 KING EDWARD VII STAKES (GROUP 2)
Cl 1 3YO 1m 4f (14 runners) £154,818

1 (4) **AGENDA (44)(A)**
3-12 A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2 .... **D McMonagle**

2 (13) **CALANDAGAN (29)(A,S)**
31-211 F Graffard (FR) 9 2 .... **S Pasquier**

3 (1) **CHIEF LITTLE ROCK (26)(G)**
122-31 A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2 .... **W M Lordan**

4 (3) **DEFIANCE (41)(G)**
16-20 R Varian 9 2 .... **S De Sousa**

5 (5) **DIEGO VELAZQUEZ (19)(BF,G)**
116-40 A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2 .... **R L Moore**

6 (9) **HARPER'S FERRY (67)(G)(T*)**
2-21 E Walker 9 2 .... **T Marquand**

7 (14) **MACDUFF (20)(G)(P*)**
124-20 R Beckett 9 2 .... **Rossa Ryan**

8 (10) **MONDO MAN (19)(A)**
3-1325 P Brandt (FR) 9 2 .... **W Buick**

9 (12) **ROYAL SUPREMACY (33)(A,G)**
141-32 A Balding 9 2 .... **O Murphy**

10 (8) **SPACE LEGEND (27)(BF,S)**
2-12 W Haggas 9 2 .... **James Doyle**

11 (6) **THE EUPHRATES (41)(S)(V*)**
31-24 A P O'Brien (IRE) 9 2 .... **D McDonogh**

12 (7) **THEORY OF TIDES (25)(G)**
11 J & T Gosden 9 2 .... **K Shoemark**

13 (2) **VOYAGE (20)(G)**
1U R Hannon 9 2 .... **P Dobbs**

14 (11) **WAR ROOMS (36)(S)**
13-63 Owen Burrows 9 2 .... **J Crowley**

Star Betting: 10-3 Space Legend, 7-2 Agenda, 5 Calandagan, 13-2 Diego Velazquez, 10 Chief Little Rock, Theory Of Tides, 12 Mondo Man, 16 Macduff, 20 others.

6.15 PALACE OF HOLYROOD HOUSE STAKES (HCAP)
Class 2 3YO 5f (31 runners) £56,694

1 (8) 033- **TOCA MADERA (323)(F)** B Meehan 9 9 .... **J Leavy (5)**
2 (27) -202 **SOMMELIER (36)(A)(P)** M Botti 9 8 .... **R L Moore**
3 (16) 1-11 **WOODHAY WONDER (33)(G)** T Ward 9 7 .... **T Marquand**
4 (25) 1604 **GOT TO LOVE A GREY (28)(D3,A,G,S)** K R Burke 9 6 .... **S James**
5 (7) 0-06 **SYMBOLOGY (6)(G)** C Cox 9 6 .... **R Kingscote**
6 (4) 1-11 **JUBILEE WALK (35)(D,A,G)** J Ferguson 9 6 .... **O Murphy**
7 (3) 6-42 **MAJESTIC BEAUTY (16)(D2,G)** A Murray (IRE) 9 5 .... **David Egan**
8 (18) 2-63 **DARK VINTAGE (36)(D,G)(V)** R Fahey 9 4 .... **B Garritty**
9 (30) -016 **BRAVE EMPIRE (112)(A,G)** R Varian 9 4 .... **D Tudhope**
10 (6) LL-2 **MATTERS MOST (18)(D,G,S)** R Beckett 9 4 .... **Rossa Ryan**
11 (29) 2-12 **TAZARA (50)(S)(H*)** C Ferland (FR) 9 3 .... **M Guyon**
12 (17) 1-41 **BLUE STORM (20)(D3,A,S)** G Tutty 9 3 .... **H Doyle**
13 (19) 5-23 **SHAGRAAN (48)(G)** M Appleby 9 3 .... **Billy Loughnane**
14 (12) -031 **PILGRIM (20)(D,S)** D & N Barron 9 1 .... **J Fanning**
15 (9) 1-61 **MUKAAFAH (34)(A,G)(H)** K P De Foy 9 1 .... **J Crowley**
16 (15) 14-1 **SCORCHIO (31)(D3,A,G)** J Davison (IRE) 9 0 .... **R Whelan**
17 (22) 22-2 **TWO TRIBES (48)(D,G)(B)** R Spencer 9 0 .... **J Hart**
18 (10) 54-5 **MON NA SLIEVE (36)(D,G)** K Ryan 9 0 .... **J P Spencer**
19 (11) 1-1L **AIRMAN (27)(D2,S)** R Fahey 8 13 .... **Oisin Orr**
20 (26) 111 **DYRHOLAEY (66)(D,A)** A Watson 8 13 .... **James Doyle**
21 (2) 5-11 **DORNEY LAKE (22)(G)(T)** J & T Gosden 8 13 .... **W Buick**
22 (31) -23L **HEDGE FUND (35)(D,A,G)** W Muir & C Grassick 8 13 .... **L Edmunds**
23 (1) 1115 **NO HALF MEASURES (6)(D,A,S)** R Hughes 8 13 .... **G Rooke**
24 (21) 2-04 **THUNDER BLUE (133)(G)(T)** J Osborne 8 13 .... **S Osborne**
25 (20) 1550 **BILLY WEBSTER (20)(D3,A,S)(P)** G Scott 8 12 .... **C Shepherd**
26 (5) 3-05 **MOSWAAT (18)(S)** R Varian 8 12 .... **S M Levey**
27 (14) 0-12 **VANTHEMAN (35)(D,A,S)** K Ryan 8 11 .... **T Eaves**
28 (24) 562- **MARKAKOL (252)(BF,D,A)(H)** R Varian 8 11 .... **S De Sousa**
29 (13) 1121 **KENDALL ROY (16)(D4,G,S)(T)** Miss K McGivern (IRE) 8 10 .... **RESERVE**
30 (28) 0500 **MYCONIAN (20)(D,S)(B,T)** Miss A Murphy 8 10 .... **RESERVE**
31 (23) 1-62 **COMPLETELY RANDOM (33)(A)** Harry Charlton 8 10 .... **RESERVE**

Star Betting: 6 Dorney Lake, 7 Dyrholaey, Jubilee Walk, 8 Shagraan, 10 Tazara, 12 Vantheman, 14 Blue Storm, Sommelier, Mukaafah, Airman, 16 others.